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FOREWORD

The following pages represent an effort on the part of the present writer to inscribe a record of the James Shanks branch of the family of that name. In the year 1934 Gen. David C. Shanks, Retired, of Washington, D. C., published a booklet entitled "Genealogy of the Shanks Family in America" which had to do principally with descendants of the two sons of Thomas Shanks, of York County, Pennsylvania, William and David, who went into the Valley of Virginia after the Revolution. In Gen. Shanks' book there was mentioned a third son, James, too young to have served in the Revolutionary War, who went into Bedford County westward from York, sometime prior to 1790. James is the progenitor of that branch of the family with which the present work is primarily concerned.

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The Shanks Family constitute, we believe, a representative American clan with doubtless its average number of talented and of ordinary members. We have noted among the men bearing the name a goodly percentage of physicians, ministers, farmers, editors, soldiers; and of the women of the family we can say that they have in many instances been of distinct talent in art and music, always models of thrift and industry as homemakers and outstanding as teachers. The Shanks in generous measure, perhaps as an inheritance of their Scotch-Irish ancestry, have invariably had a lively sense of humor; and their sense of justice from time immemorial has been of the keenest sort. Independence has characterized their lives, as witness the heavy migrations of bearers of the name from their native Scotland into northern Ireland and later to America, seeking in the New World that freedom to order their own lives that was denied them in the Old.

The compiler can but realize the inadequacy of the present work to do full justice to the story of the Shanks Family. However, it was felt that it would be better perhaps to set down now what data was at hand rather than to postpone its publication until some future time. We trust the reader will exercise due charity in his appraisal of our efforts, bearing in mind the manifold difficulties attending the issuance of a work of this sort.

We herein express our sincere thanks to the following persons for their generous contributions of data to make the work more complete: Jennie Leonard Hutchinson, of Uniontown, Pa.; Mr. Oscar Shanks, of Chicago, Ill.; Mr. Otto P. Shanks, of Monticello, Mo.; Lily Shanks Day, of Tiffin, Ohio, and Anna Andreas Wentink, of Detroit, Mich. We also are much indebted to the genealogical work heretofore done by Gen. Shanks who during his latter years offered us every encouragement and assistance in our efforts to compile data on the family.

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SOME ANCESTORS AND DESCENDANTS OF
JAMES SHANKS, OF HURON COUNTY, OHIO

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There seems to be a natural desire on the part of many persons to know something of their ancestors, whence they came, where they lived, what occupations they followed and in short, what manner of people they were. All too frequently but little is known of our progenitors and often that little is obscure and uncertain. In the early days of America folk were too busy with the struggle for existence to pay much attention to the recording of family trees. Tradition and word of mouth were the only means of handing down to later generations any knowledge of their forefathers. With the passage of time even the traditions became distorted through inaccurate repetition or were wholly forgotten. Bible records of birth, marriage and death, carefully preserved for a generation or two became torn, faded or obliterated and were often in the end destroyed by some heedless descendant as of no value. Now and then in a later generation there appears a descendant with a genuine love of family lore; but when such a person seeks for ancestral knowledge, too often he is apt to find nothing upon which to base a search for details. He is then perforce compelled to turn to what public records might remain: those early state and county archives that are preserved as a matter of public law and convenience. These records are of immense value in enabling the earnest searcher to find something upon which to base his quest; as it were, disclosing the key by which many a genealogical puzzle is unlocked. Thus they become the starting place of many searches that without their help would be absolutely hopeless.

Among the public records found most valuable to the researcher after genealogical lore must be mentioned The Pennsylvania Archives, a series of published records of the Keystone State from its earliest colonial days, embracing records of marriages, of immigrants arriving in the colony, tax lists, land records, Revolutionary War records, etc. These records are indexed and form a veritable mine of information to anyone seeking ancestral data in the State of Pennsylvania. They are available in most public libraries.

Some few years ago the writer together with his aunt, Lilye Shanks Day, discussed the ancestry of the Shanks family and especially that of her father, James Shanks, of Huron County, Ohio. A mutual desire was then expressed to know more of the genealogy of the family and to place on record what data might be found for the benefit of the present as well as of future generations. At that time it was realized that there was little available knowledge upon which to base a search. No written records were at hand:—just a few family traditions of persons and places. It was known that James Shanks was born in Tuscarawas County, Ohio; that his father's name was David Shanks and that his mother's maiden name was Catherine Sherrod, although the spelling of her family name was uncertain; it might have been Sherrod, Sherret, Shurred, Sherrets, or otherwise. She also was from Tuscarawas County. Some slight knowledge was had of David's brothers and sisters but all was very indefinite and uncertain. One of the family traditions was that the Shanks were of Irish descent, but this could not be verified. There was a belief that the Sherrods were early immigrants to Tuscarawas County and that

this was the family after whom the town of Sherrodsville in Carroll County was named. Sherrodsville is close to the Tuscarawas County line. Inasmuch as it was known that David Shanks at one time owned land in Tuscarawas County, it was deemed expedient to initiate a search among the public records of that county. And so it was that New Philadelphia, the county seat, was chosen as a starting point for our inquiry. A competent person, Mrs. Jessie B. Axx, an abstractor of that place, was engaged to go over the records of marriage, of wills and of land transfers of past decades. Some interesting results were attained, as will be seen herein. The records as cited by Mrs. Axx will on account of their interest be given verbatim:

Marriage Records in Tuscarawas County, Ohio. (Certificates)

#99 - Vol. 1, page 16:

"I do hereby certify, that agreeably to License granted to James Shanks and Christeona Helwig for marriage that the said marriage was Solemnized on the --- (Eronious) --- by me.

ABRAHAM KNISELY, Justice of the Peace."

(Note by Mrs. Axx)

"The marriage in Vol. 1, page 16, is between Sept. 14, 1812, and Sept. 9, 1813. There was no date on the marriage. As I told you before, the old marriage records are just so indefinite and uncertain

It was known that the name of the mother of David Shanks was Christina Helwig. It is therefore evident that the above is the record of her marriage to his father, James Shanks. This was the first time we had known the name of David's father.

#1906 - Vol. 3A, page 137:

"By virtue of an Authority issued from your office I Solemnized Marriage between David Shanks and Catharine Sherrets on the 21st day of August, A.D. 1834.

E. GREENWALD."

This record established the spelling of the family name of the bride as Sherrets: not Sherrod or Shurred, as was first believed.

#5660 - Vol. 4, page 203:

"The State of Ohio Tuscarawas County SS.

I certify that I have this day solemnized the marriage of James Shanks with Louisa Mizer. Witness my hand this 14 day of March A.D. 1850

PHILIP MIZER, J. P."

This marriage is thought to have been that of a brother of David Shanks.

Vol. 3, page 176:

"This is to certify that on the 20th day of December, A.D. 1842, Frederick Holmreich and Matilda Shanks were legally joined in marriage.

V. COLLORADO, M. of the Gospel."

The foregoing is the marriage of Matilda, sister of David Shanks.

Tuscarawas County Land Transfers

- Vol. 3, page 198. "James and Christeena Shanks to Samuel Shull - parcel of land New Philadelphia, Ohio. Date: Sept. 14, 1819."
- Vol. 22, page 71 "David and Cathern Shanks to David Mull - 39 acres Jefferson Township. Date: Nov. 7, 1844."
- Vol. 33, page 121 "David and Cathrine Shank to Catharine Fieldhauer - part 50 acres Dover Township. Date: April 9, 1851."
- Vol. 33, page 288 "David and Catherine Shanks to A. N. Bartholomew - 19 acres. Date: Sept. 13, 1853."

The foregoing records show that David and Catherine Shanks originally were residents of Jefferson Township and sold this land, moving thence to Dover Township where they lived until they in turn sold this land and migrated to Huron County in 1852.

The first land record, that of James and Christeena's holding in New Philadelphia, is of interest as showing the thrifty nature of these pioneers. As will be brought out later in this history, the name of Samuel Shull, the grantee in this case, is closely connected with the Shanks family, he being in fact the step-father of James Shanks, the grantor.

Now, these records established the fact that the Shanks lived and married in Tuscarawas County as far back as James, the father of David; but did not reveal the names of any other ancestors. It was suspected that the family came originally from the neighboring State of Pennsylvania but this could not be established at this point. It remained for a later fortunate circumstance to reveal the name of the father of James who was married to Christina Helwig. One day while searching through a history of Coshocton County, Ohio, the writer discovered in a biographical sketch of Joseph Myser a reference to the ancestry of his wife, Catherine Shanks Myser, as follows:

"He was married Feb. 18, 1837, to Miss Catherine Shanks, daughter of James and Christina (Helwick) Shanks, and granddaughter of Andrew and Catherine (Truck-Miller) Helwick, and of James and Catherine (Beam) Shanks."

This reference was most valuable as revealing the name of the father of James Shanks also as James and that his mother's maiden name was Catherine Beam. Thus our knowledge of the Shanks generations was extended further into the past. It only remained to learn the place in which the elder James lived, which ascertained would doubtless give us the name of the county from which the suspected emigration to Ohio took place. The full text of the Joseph Myser biographical sketch will be quoted later in this book. In the same Coshocton County history there was found a reference to the early migration of residents of Somerset and Bedford Counties in Pennsylvania to Coshocton County; and it was thought possible that the Shanks family might also have come from one of these counties. The line of inquiry therefore pointed back to these two districts of the Keystone State; and the immediate problem was to find some record that would name a James Shanks who had a son of the same name. A letter directed to the Recorder of Wills at Somerset, Pa., brought the information that they had no will on file of James Shanks but did have record of an administration of the estate of a person by that name who died in 1805 or shortly before. The record appeared as follows:

"Petition of Thomas Shanks, son and heir of James Shanks, asking for partition of parcel of land containing 222 acres adjoining lands of Yorty, Jacob Zimmerman and others. Names the following heirs: Widow Hannah (since intermarried with Samuel Shull) and issue 6 children: Thomas, William, James, John, Sarah and Ann." (Possible location Somerset or Lincoln Twps.)

This record very definitely established that a James Shanks was a resident of Somerset County and died there in 1805; that he left children, among whom was a son named James; that his widow was named Hannah and that she was married to one Samuel Shull while still a resident of the county. The following record from a history of Somerset County cited by Jennie Leonard Hutchinson, of Uniontown, Pa., who assisted in the search, verifies the fact that the Shulls and the Shanks were both residents of Somerset County in 1796, doubtless neighbors:

Taxables in Quemahoning Twp., 1796

James Shanks
Samuel Shull
Jacob Shull

From the Pennsylvania Archives we have the following land record: (Third Series, Vol. 25, page 621)

"James Shanks -- 400 acres, survey May 12, 1794, Bedford Co."

This appears to be the original patent of land of James Shanks in Bedford County, Pa., a part of which in 1795 became Somerset County.

The first United States census, 1790, has the following:

BEDFORD COUNTY. Household of James Shanks. Males over 16: 1; Males under 16: 2; Females: 1

(Males over 16 and females include parents)

From the foregoing then we learn that in 1790 James Shanks, of Bedford County (later Somerset) was living there with his wife and two minor sons. From the administration record previously cited we may assume that the names of the two sons were Thomas and William. The son James with whom we have principally to do was probably born about 1792. It will be noted that the name of the oldest son was doubtless Thomas, which is significant as indicating a possible naming for his grandfather, as will be shown later on.

Now, our search had taken us to this time very definitely back to Somerset County and it seemed that we could not establish the line further back. We felt that the Shanks, from the knowledge then available, had been early arrivals in America and we were eager to trace the course of their residence after their probable migration from Europe. We had been led to believe that the family name had originally been Shank, or Shenk, and that a change of spelling came about through a mistake in a land transfer. Months were lost in a fruitless search because of our reliance on this hypothesis. In our quest we learned that many Shanks and Shenks (the former without the final "s") lived in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, where they were early and prominent residents. We contacted many persons of this name and perused

family records which pointed to an original emigration from Switzerland. But it was a family tradition that the Shanks were Irish. James Shanks, the writer's grandfather, resident in Huron County; was wont to say in no uncertain terms: "Shanks is my name", resenting any insinuation that his family name was other than he was always told and believed: Shanks, with the final "s".

Thus matters stood when in September, 1934, a letter was received from Jennie Leonard Hutchinson, Librarian at Uniontown, Pa., stating: "I think you will really be surprised to know that the quest of your Shanks history is over and the line is complete with what you may add from Somerset County and Ohio, and perhaps what may be added from time to time as history is uncovered. I am mailing you under separate cover copy of "History of the Shanks Family in America", by Maj. Gen. David C. Shanks." The book thus so unexpectedly placed in our hands furnished the final link that welded the scattered units of relationship of the various Shanks families and clearly indicated the ancestral line back to Northern Ireland and Scotland. It definitely established the fact that the father of James Shanks, of Bedford and Somerset Counties was Thomas Shanks, of Warrington Township, York County, Pa. I cannot do better at this point than quote from Gen. Shanks' valuable book:

Excerpts from Shanks Genealogy by Maj. Gen. David C.
Shanks, U. S. Army, Retired.

To Those Who May Be Interested - Greetings and Good Wishes:

"It is only natural that we should want to know something of our ancestors. I first became interested in this subject about ten years ago at which time I wrote a good many letters and received a number of replies. Of the replies the most important and most informative was from the late Mr. Frank T. Glasgow, of Lexington, Va. Mr. Glasgow sent me some extracts from the family history of Rev. David W. Shanks, D.D., a noted Presbyterian divine of Lexington, Va. The opening sentences of Dr. Shanks' family history are as follows:

"My great-grandfather Shanks (first name not given) with his wife and one son, William, emigrated from Ireland (probably about 1760) and settled in Pennsylvania. This son, William, removed to near Crab Orchard, Kentucky, and raised a large family. Another son, my grandfather, David, on May 15, 1784, married Miss Hannah Morrison in Germantown and moved at once on horseback to Botetourt County, Virginia. They lived near Amsterdam. Both died on June 28, 1821, within forty minutes of each other."

"In addition to the foregoing there was given a list of the children of David and Hannah Morrison Shanks, ten sons and one daughter. While it is probably true that the original Shanks progenitor emigrated from Ireland, it is beyond question that he was of Scottish descent. It is more than probable that he was one of those driven from Scotland into Ireland by reason of religious persecution. The name itself is Scotch, not Irish.

The most important part of any structure is its foundation. I felt that my first efforts must be directed toward finding out something about the original Shanks, first name unknown, who had settled somewhere in Pennsylvania. Until that was done I felt we could have no solid ground upon which to plant

our ancestral tree. The fact that the first name of this original progenitor was unknown made the task a difficult one. It is hard to gain information when you cannot give the name of the one concerning whom you are making inquiries. My efforts were a failure--an absolute failure. Moreover, at that time I was on the active list of the army with official duties to occupy my attention. Not having the leisure to carry on any extensive research I gave up what appeared to be a hopeless task. I devoted my efforts to finding out what I could in regard to my own immediate branch. As far as I was concerned, the family genealogy remained in a quiescent state until midsummer of the year 1933. Under date of July 14, 1933, I had a letter from Mr. Otto P. Shanks, Public Administrator of Lewis County, Monticello, Mo., who stated that he was interested in the family genealogy. He had gotten my name from Miss Bessie A. Shanks, of Memphis, who wrote that she understood that at one time I had made some efforts toward collecting data pertaining to the family history. Later I had letters from Oscar Shanks, of Chicago, William Cary Shanks, of Salem, Indiana, Mrs. Mary Shanks McIntyre, of Watervliet, N. Y., and from others, all of whom expressed a wish that efforts to obtain additional information be continued. Some of these, notably Oscar Shanks, of Chicago, had done a good deal of research work. Oscar Shanks was of the opinion that the original American progenitor was one Samuel Shanks of Chester County, Pennsylvania, and that his son, William, who later settled in Crab Orchard, Kentucky, had been born at sea in the year 1747.

On my return from my summer vacation I again took up the work. There was only one definite spot in Pennsylvania that had been mentioned. In Dr. Shanks' family history it was stated that his grandfather David had married Miss Hannah Morrison in Germantown. Accordingly I wrote to a genealogist in Germantown to see whether he could find anything regarding the marriage of David Shanks to Hannah Morrison which the Rev. David W. Shanks had stated occurred there on May 15, 1784. After searching all church and other available records he wrote that he was sure the marriage had not taken place in the present city of Germantown. He added, however, that any community where the German population was in the ascendancy might be called "Germantown" and that there were probably several Germantowns in the state in the year 1784.

The hope of any help from Germantown having failed I sought other means of gaining the information I needed. In his letter to me Otto P. Shanks had inclosed copy of a letter he had received from Miss Bessie A. Shanks, of Memphis. In her letter Miss Shanks stated that several years ago when she made a purchase in a Washington store she gave her name and address to the clerk, who at once asked whether she was from York, Pa., and said that the name was a common one in that city. Acting on this tip I at once wrote to the Recorder of Deeds and to the Registrar of Wills of York County asking whether their records showed any wills or deeds made by persons bearing the family name of Shanks. Neither of these officials replied directly to my letter. They both turned my letters over to the York County Historical Society which specializes on genealogy. Three days later I had a letter from that society to the effect that the name was an unusual one in that locality and that no early wills or deeds had been made by anyone bearing the name of Shanks. This historical society was right on the spot. I felt bound to accept their statement as accurate.

It would be impossible for me to exaggerate the needless worry and labor that this strange error of the York County Historical Society brought upon me. All I knew was that the original Shanks progenitor had settled somewhere in Pennsylvania. I did not know where and I did not know his name -- but I set myself the task of finding out. I wrote letters of inquiry to Records of Deeds and to the Registrars of Wills of many counties; to many historical

societies; to genealogists; to postmasters; to ministers of the gospel; to newspapers, and to every agency that might possibly be of aid. All replies were negative and I seemed up against a stone wall. In despair I was on the point of giving up further effort. However, there is in every man of Scotch descent a sort of persistency which others sometimes dub "Scotch obstinacy". Having already put so much effort into the work I did want to complete it so that I might pass it on to my children and those who come after them. There was another factor which greatly augmented my determination. As I went along I found that, either through direct descent or through fortunate or happy marriages, the descendants of the original progenitor may claim kinship with many men of genuine worth who have left their impress on the history of our land. Among the female descendants are many whose accomplishments, culture and charm are not exceeded by any women in our land.

In the meantime through the courtesy of my cousin, Mrs. B. W. Logan and her son Baxter, of Salem, Va., I had gotten hold of a copy of the will of my great-grandfather, David Shanks, which they obtained from the Court House of Botetourt County at Fincastle. It was a codicil of this will under date of July 16, 1820, that gave me a most useful clue. In this codicil David Shanks directed that his sister Sarah remain undisturbed on his land in Pennsylvania whereon she was then residing. After her death his executors were directed to sell the land and divide the proceeds among his children, share and share alike. This did not tell much; but it did state directly that there was a sister Sarah as well as a brother William in the family.

One day in turning over some records of the Pennsylvania Genealogical Society of Philadelphia my eye happened to catch the name of Thomas Shanks of Warrington Township, York County. There was given a list of his children: William, David, James, Sarah, Elizabeth and Mary. I wrote again to the Registrar of Wills of York County and obtained a copy of the will of Thomas Shanks made March 19, 1802, and the identification was complete. A copy of this will is attached for the information of any who may be interested in the earliest American progenitor of the Shanks family:

WILL OF THOMAS SHANKS, WARRINGTON TWP. YORK CO., PA.

"In the name of God, Amen. I, Thomas Shanks, of Warrington Township, in the County of York and State of Pennsylvania, being ancient and weak of body, but of sound disposing mind and memory do therefore make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in the following manner: Imprimis, it is my Will, and I so order, that all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid. Item, I give and bequeath unto my son William the sum of five pounds lawful money of the State of Pennsylvania, having already assisted him to a considerable extent. Item, I give and bequeath unto my two sons David and James and unto my daughter Sarah all of my present dwelling plantation situated in Warrington Township adjoining the great Conowago Creek containing about two hundred acres, and the usual allowance be the same more or less, with the appurtenances thereunto belonging. To hold unto them, my said sons David and James and my said daughter Sarah as tenants in common, and not as joint tenants, their heirs and assigns forever. Item, I give and bequeath unto my daughter Sarah one horse creature, her choice, one good saddle and bridle, two cows, her choice, a good feather bed, bedstead and bedding, my folding leaf table and my best case of drawers. Item, I give and bequeath unto my said daughter Sarah the sum of one hundred pounds like money aforesaid to be paid at expiration of one year after my decease. Item, I give and

bequeath unto my daughter Elizabeth the sum of fifty pounds like money as aforesaid to be paid at one year after my decease. Item, I give and bequeath unto my daughter Mary the sum of fifty pounds like money as aforesaid to be paid at the expiration of one year after my decease. Item, I give and bequeath unto my two sons David and James and unto three daughters, Sarah, Elizabeth and Mary all the residue of my estate whatsoever to be equally divided amongst them, share and share alike. And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my daughter Sarah and my trusty neighbor Alexander Ross to be the Executors of this my last Will and Testament for the true intent and meaning thereof, hereby revoking and disannulling all wills by me heretofore made. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 19th day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and two."

In the presence of us:
Jesse Underwood
Edward Tyler, Jr.

THOMAS SHANKS (Seal)

Some people may imagine that the original progenitor having been discovered all the rest would be easy. I did not find it so. Two centuries ago records were scanty or entirely lacking. Every bit of information I obtained was at the expense of effort. I did, however, finally secure the following scant items relative to our original American progenitor.

There are no records which will show the date of his arrival, nor whence he came. His name first appears on the tax records of York County for the year 1762, at which time he paid a tax of one pound sixpence. His name appears on various other tax lists. In the year 1782 he paid a tax of seven pounds on 150 acres of land, three horses and five cattle. The official state records on file at Harrisburg show that on March 29, 1763, there was issued a warrant for 123 acres of land surveyed to Thomas Shanks. On October 12, 1772, there was issued to him a warrant for 56 additional acres. These two tracts constituted the plantation on which he lived located on the Great Conowago Creek in Warrington Township. In addition to the land embraced in the home tract he owned land in Cumberland County closely adjoining Warrington Township, 230 acres surveyed to him April 13, 1785, and 270 acres surveyed to him October 12, 1785. Thomas Shanks must have disposed of his Cumberland County lands prior to his death, for he makes no mention of them in his will admitted to probate January 28, 1806. In the year 1780 he was acting constable of Warrington Township and in the year 1783 his name appears as Collector of Taxes for that township. The wife of Thomas Shanks evidently died before him, for in his will written in 1802 he makes no mention of her.

Children of Thomas Shanks, of Warrington Twp.

Thomas Shanks had six children, all living at the time of his death in 1806, and all were mentioned in his will admitted to probate in January of that year. The oldest was William, born before the arrival of his parents in this country. Among the descendants of William there is a tradition that he was born at sea in the year 1747. I believe there are no facts that will bear out this tradition. Thomas Shanks paid his first taxes in the year 1762 and there is nothing to show that he arrived much before that year. There

are no records which give the date of birth of any of the children of Thomas Shanks. If William Shanks was born at sea in 1747 it would be a troublesome problem to discover where he and his parents lived between that date and the year 1762 when the name of Thomas Shanks first appears on the tax lists of Warrington Township.

During the Revolutionary War William Shanks served in Captain John Murray's company of 2nd battalion, 10th Pennsylvania Rifle Regiment. The other two sons of Thomas Shanks, David and James, were too young for service in that war. The only descendants of Thomas Shanks who can claim credit for service of an ancestor in the Revolutionary War are those directly descended from William Shanks.

Shortly after his discharge from the army William Shanks married a Miss Sarah Hanley of Augusta County, Virginia. They settled at Lewisburg, Greenbrier County, Virginia (now West Virginia). Every effort to obtain evidence of the date of their marriage resulted in failure. The Virginia Census of 1782 shows him as the head of a family living at Lewisburg. How long William Shanks lived at Lewisburg is unknown. I made every possible effort to obtain additional information but without success. The records of the County of Greenbrier do not show that he ever owned property or ever made any deeds while a resident of that county. I think it was about the year 1797 that William Shanks removed to Crab Orchard, Lincoln County, Kentucky. At the date of his death in 1817 William Shanks had eight living children: four sons, David, James, Archabella and William; and four daughters, Polly Whittly, Nancy Wyan, Jane Owsley and Peggy Owsley. All of these children were born before his arrival at Crab Orchard except William, the youngest son. He also had a son John, deceased, to the two children of whom he left \$50. each to be paid by his executors upon his decease. The will of William Shanks shows that he disposed of considerable property to his wife and eight surviving children. The fact that his executors were required to give bond in the sum of \$20,000 indicates an estate of considerable extent for those early days.

William Shanks died in the year 1817 and among his descendants are many men of note. One of the most prominent of these was William Franklin Gore Shanks, widely known as journalist, war correspondent, editorial writer and author. During the Civil War he served on the staff of Gen. Thomas and was wounded at Chickamauga. There are many other distinguished descendants of William Shanks, including a member of the House of Representatives of the U. S. Congress.

The second son of Thomas Shanks was David. Born after the arrival of his parents in this country, David was too young to see any service in the Revolutionary War. As his descendants will later be referred to in detail no further mention is made of him at this time.

The third son of Thomas Shanks was James. He also was too young for service in the Revolutionary War. The only mention I have been able to find regarding James (besides that contained in his father's will) is shown by the Pennsylvania Census of 1790 when he was living with his wife and two daughters in Bedford County, Pennsylvania. (**See note below)

** Apparently an error, as the 1790 census shows James Shanks resident in Bedford County, Pa., with wife and two minor SONS. H. S. B. This is the James Shanks, progenitor of James Shanks of Huron County, Ohio, referred to on page 4 of these notes as a resident of Somerset County. Somerset was cut off from Bedford County in 1795. This James also had a son James, he who emigrated to Tuscarawas County, Ohio, around 1808. H.S.B.

The oldest daughter of Thomas Shanks was his spinster daughter Sarah. It is evident that the wife of Thomas Shanks had died at least several years before he himself passed away. This is shown by the fact that his will made in 1802, probated in 1806, makes no mention of his wife. Sarah continued to live with her father as his housekeeper, and in fact continued to live on the home plantation until her own death in the year 1828. The high regard of Thomas Shanks for his daughter Sarah is shown by the provisions of his will in her favor and the fact that he appointed her and "my trusty neighbor Alexander Ross" to be the executors of his will.

In his will Thomas Shanks left the home plantation to three of his children: David, James and Sarah. The remaining two daughters, Elizabeth and Mary, were married and their futures provided for. To his oldest son William he left five pounds with the explanation that he had already assisted him to a considerable extent. I have been unable to gain any information in regard to the marriage of the two younger daughters, Elizabeth and Mary."

Continuing his valuable work Gen. Shanks proceeds to trace the emigration of David and Hannah Morrison Shanks into Virginia, as follows:

"On May 15, 1794, David Shanks, second son of Thomas Shanks, married Miss Hannah Morrison. There is some question as to just where the marriage occurred. In his family history the Rev. David W. Shanks, D.D., is of the opinion that the marriage had taken place in Germantown. I engaged Mr. Edward W. Hocker, a competent genealogist of Germantown, to look up the records for me. In due time he wrote that he was sure the marriage had not occurred within the present limits of Germantown. Mr. Hocker informed me that in the early days many communities took their names from external circumstances. Thus, he said, there were many communities called "Germantown" merely because of the predominance of the German element. I believe the following to be the actual facts.

In Warrington Township there was a family of Morrisons and they were Quakers. The German element predominated overwhelmingly. I cannot find that there was ever a village known as "Germantown" in Warrington Township. But one of its leading citizens was a German known as Jacob Joner. The community, now known as Dover, was at that time called "Jonertown" in honor of Jacob Joner. I feel quite certain that it was in "Jonertown" (not Germantown) that David Shanks and Hannah Morrison were married.

Immediately after their marriage the young couple set out on horseback down the Valley of Virginia and settled near Amsterdam, Botetourt County, Virginia. They prospered and there were born to them ten sons and one daughter. This daughter, Cassandra Morrison Shanks, later used to tell how her parents dreaded that one should go and the other be left alone. They constantly prayed that both might go together. Apparently in answer to these prayers both died on June 28, 1801, within forty minutes of each other. They were buried in a double grave on a high hill near their old home.

The children of David and Hannah Morrison Shanks in the order of their birth are as follows:

1. John, born Feb. 25, 1785; died Nov. 26, 1787.
2. John, born Nov. 11, 1787; died Mar. 13, 1790.

The unusual fact that each of the first two boys was named John must have

been based on some strong desire to introduce and perpetuate the name John in the family. For a long time I was of the opinion that the name of David's father was John and that he was trying to honor his father's memory by naming each of his first two sons John. So firmly was I of this opinion that in the scores and scores of letters I wrote to various Recorders of Deeds and Registrars of Wills and to others in the State of Pennsylvania in my hectic search for the original progenitor, I stated that while the full name was unknown, I believed that it was one John Shanks whom I was seeking. I have now come to the conclusion that it was not David seeking to perpetuate the name of his father, but that it was Hannah seeking to perpetuate the name of her father.

3. The third son was Washington, born Mar. 28, 1790; died at birth.
4. William, born May 12, 1791; died in Washington Co., Indiana, May 20, 1863. He married Miss Hannah Evelyn Cravens, daughter of a Methodist minister.

This William Shanks was a remarkable man. It was in the year 1816 that he married Miss Cravens, of Rockingham County, Va. In the will of his father, David Shanks, there appears this provision: "Then it is my will and I so order, that my son William have the plantation whereon he now resides for which he stands charged on my books \$2,000. to have and to hold the same. No charge on my books against any of my children to bear interest." The plantation referred to consisted of $66\frac{1}{4}$ acres of land on the road between Amsterdam and Fincastle and was adjacent to the plantation whereon his parents resided. Here William Shanks lived as a farmer and here were born four children, two of whom died in infancy.

On June 28, 1821, the parents of William Shanks died within forty minutes of each other. The following year William Shanks changed not only his residence, but his occupation as well. Born in a Presbyterian family his wife, Hannah Evelyn Cravens, was the daughter of a Methodist minister, Rev. William Cravens. He was not only a pioneer in the ministry of his church in Virginia, but, soon after his daughter's marriage to William Shanks moved to Indiana and established the first Methodist church ever erected in Indianapolis.

In the year 1822 William Shanks with his wife, two sons, a few slaves and scattering household effects, having sold his farm to his brother James, came across West Virginia to the Ohio River. Having given freedom to his slaves, who nevertheless continued with him, the whole outfit floated down the river and landed at New Albany, whence they continued on to Charlestown, Indiana. Here he and his family lived for two years and here another son was born. They then moved to Washington County, Indiana, and established the home wherein he lived until his death. Due doubtless to the pleadings of his wife and her father, William Shanks now became a Methodist minister. Within a short time he became widely known as the "Rev. Billy Shanks". Altho a minister of the gospel he was very active in municipal and state matters. He had an active part in the establishment of Asbury University, now known as DePauw University. He served as a member of the State Legislature, first in the House and later in the Senate. The photographs of William Shanks taken at the time show a face intelligent and kindly, but one in which determination is the outstanding feature. When "Rev. Billy Shanks" passed away on May 20, 1863, he left behind a record of useful achievement and a name honored and beloved by all who knew him.

5. The fifth son of David and Hannah Morrison Shanks was David, born Aug. 23, 1793; died near Salem, Va., Dec. 12, 1833. He married Miss Susan Johnston.
6. Thomas, born July 15, 1795; died June 25, 1849. Married Miss Grace Metcalf Thomas, of Frederick County, Md.

Of all the children of David and Hannah Morrison Shanks it was their son Thomas who left descendants greatest in number and prominence. He was an outstanding man in his community. In his notes written to me in 1924 the late Mr. Frank T. Glasgow, of Lexington, Va., said: "My father knew Col. Thomas Shanks and admired him greatly. He told me he was a man of unusual gifts--fine business man, ironmaster. Said he was nominated by the Democrats for the State Legislature when about 45 and at once developed into the best public speaker in the Valley. Short, pithy sentences and striking, vigorous thought." Col. Thomas Shanks and his wife, Grace Thomas Shanks, lived in the town of Fincastle, about five miles from where he was born. They are buried in the churchyard of the Presbyterian Church at Fincastle. They had four children as follows: Grace Ellen, married (1st) Dr. Thomas Moncure Woodson; (2nd) Wm. A. Glasgow; John T. Shanks, lived and died in Memphis, Tenn.; Rev. David W. Shanks, D.D., of Lexington, Va. ("A man of rare gifts and personality. A great speaker and preacher. A wonderful gift of humor of the highest order, irresistible in social intercourse. A truly great man." -- Mr. Frank T. Glasgow); Eliza Cassandra Shanks, who married Rev. Samuel B. McPheeters.

Speaking of Rev. David W. Shanks, Gen. Shanks states: "When I was a boy about ten years of age Dr. Shanks preached in the Presbyterian Church of my home town, Salem, Va. After his sermon he came to our home for dinner. Although more than sixty years have passed I can vividly recall his genial manner, his magnetic personality and his fund of stories. He made a great impression upon me because our own pastor was a man of such opposite type."

Following the death of his first wife Col. Thomas Shanks was married a second time in June, 1838. There were no children by this second wife, Mary T. Shanks. Col. Shanks was a man of large business interests both in agriculture and the manufacture of iron. The census of Botetourt County for the year 1840 shows that he owned thirty-six slaves, of whom 13 were engaged in agriculture and 6 in the manufactures or trades. The remainder were either house servants, coachmen, cooks, etc., or were children too young to be classified. Taking the cue from his father, Col. Shanks was an extensive dealer in land. In those days there were no stock markets for speculation, but shrewd judges of land values bought and sold farms and in many instances reaped considerable profits. Besides agriculture Col. Thomas Shanks was largely interested in the manufacture of iron. He was at the head of a foundry and iron plant at Cloverdale in Botetourt County, as well as of the Cassandra Iron establishment in Arnold's Valley, Rockbridge County.

7. James, born Nov. 1, 1798. James Shanks was a bachelor farmer. The census of 1840 for Botetourt County shows that he owned 11 slaves, 9 of whom were employed in agriculture.
8. Lewis, born June 25, 1801; died in Memphis, Tenn., 1862. Married Miss Mary Crab Thomas, of Frederick Co., Md., a sister of Grace Metcalf Thomas, who married Col. Thomas Shanks.

9. Cary, born June 6, 1804; died June 25, 1821, three days before his parents.
10. Cassandra, only daughter of David and Hannah Morrison Shanks, born Jan. 2, 1807; died in Staunton, Va., Jan. 1, 1887. Married 1825 to William Patton, a merchant of Fincastle, Va.

On May 27, 1834, Mrs. Cassandra Patton Shanks married Col. John T. Anderson who owned a magnificent home with an estate of 1200 acres known as "Mount Joy". The site was on the James River about 2½ miles west of Buchanan and commanded a superb view. Col. Anderson was not only a man of wealth but also a man of marked ability and distinction. He was a grandson of Francis Thomas of Frederick County, Md. Col. Anderson was a member of the Confederate Congress and gave liberally in support of the Confederate cause. On March 31, 1865, at almost the very end of the war, there appears in the register of contributors, next to the very last entry: "John T. Anderson, Botetourt County, bonds, \$6,000." His only son, Maj. Joseph Washington Anderson, had been killed in battle. And now the father continued to contribute from his diminished means to a cause already doomed.

This son was very dear to the hearts of his parents; he was given every advantage in education and upbringing that their tender care and liberal means could afford. He was early sent to military school and later educated in the law. On the outbreak of the Civil War he entered the struggle and participated in the Battle of Bull Run and the campaign around Vicksburg. On May 16, 1863, at the Battle of Baker's Creek near Vicksburg Maj. Anderson fell mortally wounded and died some hours later. In December, 1863, his remains were removed by his father to the Presbyterian churchyard at Fincastle.

Beyond question the soldiers of the Confederacy suffered much; beyond question the women of the Confederacy suffered even more. Soldiers served in the field where they had the comfort of comradeship and the excitement of action. The women suffered in silence at home. Such a condition fell to the lot of the mistress of Mount Joy. In June, 1864, when Hunter's raid came through the Valley of Virginia burning and destroying so that a "crow must carry his rations with him if he wanted to fly over the Valley", a detachment of cavalry appeared at Mount Joy. Col. Anderson was in Richmond attending sessions of the Confederate Congress. The mistress of that magnificent home was given one hour in which to remove what she could. Then that splendid home was destroyed by fire. One soldier rode away with the sterling silver tray attached to his saddle; another carried away the soup ladle; another possessed himself of the sterling soup tureen. The family which had been so splendidly provided for was forced to crowd itself into the scant quarters of the overseer's modest home.

Her son had been slain in battle, her home had been burned, her silver had been carried away, destitution had been installed where plenty had always prevailed. Surely the soul of the mistress of Mount Joy had been tried to the limit. Wrought up and tense in every nerve she gave way to an outburst to her daughter-in-law: "Fannie," she said, "I wish every Yankee was in hell, so there!" The telling of this incident afterwards caused much mortification to my Aunt Cassandra. But surely, if ever there was just cause for such an outburst the mistress of Mount Joy possessed it to the fullest extent.

Of all the children of David and Hannah Morrison Shanks it is beyond question that the daughter Cassandra is the one who wielded the greatest influence. When the wives of Dr. Lewis Shanks and Col. Thomas Shanks died within three weeks of each other in July of the year 1833, their children were

left motherless. All of the boys were taken in charge by their Aunt Cassandra. At her splendid home at Mount Joy they grew up with her own four sons and they all became brothers in fact. How much her influence counted in the moulding of such a character as the Rev. David W. Shanks it is not possible accurately to estimate.

11. The eleventh and last child of David and Hannah Morrison Shanks was George Washington Shanks, born March 23, 1809; he died in Salem, Va., in 1876.

My Uncle George is the one child of the old couple besides my Aunt Cassandra whom I can recall. In figure and general appearance he resembled the pictures we see of Gen. U. S. Grant, except that the whiskers of Gen. Grant were a grizzly black, while those of my Uncle George were brown. He lived in Salem where he conducted a general merchandise store, but he also owned "Belle Vue", a nice farm about $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles west of Salem. For some time he and my father were partners in a small tobacco factory which they conducted in a substantially built brick building later bought by Judge Wingfield Griffin and converted into a family residence. On Jan. 11, 1838, Geo. W. Shanks was married to Miss Lucy Madison Lewis, who was a grand-daughter of Gen. Andrew Lewis of Revolutionary fame."

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This marks the end of direct quotation from Gen. Shanks' valuable book, "History of the Shanks Family in America", which is to the best of our knowledge the only effort hitherto made to set down any records of the family. However much we might desire to do so, it would manifestly be impossible in a work of this scope to reproduce the General's book in its entirety. We have seen that in it he has traced the descendants of the two older sons of Thomas Shanks of York County, William and David, who went into Virginia, and it is the province of the present sketch to trace the descendants of the third son, James, who went into Bedford County, Pennsylvania, and became the progenitor of many families of the name who settled in western Pennsylvania and Ohio. For the information of our readers we present herewith a sketch of the life of Gen. Shanks:

David Cary Shanks, Maj. Gen. U.S.A. (Retired)

A descendant in the third generation from David and Hannah Morrison Shanks. Grandson of David and Susan (Johnston) Shanks, and son of David Cary and Sarah (Boon) Shanks. Born April 6, 1861. Graduated from Roanoke College, Salem, Va., Class of 1879; graduated from U. S. Military Academy, West Point, N. Y., Class 1884. Served as commissioned officer U. S. Army, passing through all grades until retired as Major General at his own request after more than 40 years of service on Jan. 17, 1925. From July 1, 1903, to Sept. 25, 1905, served as Governor of Cavite Province, P. I. During World War I commanded Port of Embarkation at Hoboken, N. J. Was awarded Distinguished Service Medal of the Army and Distinguished Service Medal of the Navy. Early in the war wrote a pamphlet for the benefit of inexperienced officers termed "Management of the American Soldier." No copy was ever sold. More than 200,000 copies were published by Mr. Thomas F. Ryan for gratuitous distribution to our young officers as they arrived at our ports bound overseas. After the war wrote and

published a book "As They Passed Through the Port", descriptive of incidents and events connected with the passage of our soldiers as they passed through the port bound for overseas service. On Oct. 5, 1893, he married Miss Nancy Wright Chapman, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Flavius Chapman, of Salem, Va. Have two children: Katharine Shanks (Malloy), born Aug. 15, 1894; and Sarah Chapman Shanks (Chamberlin), born May 25, 1896.

Gen. Shanks' military record (Heitman's Register, Vol. 1, p. 876) is as follows:

"1 July 1880 (33) 2 lt 18 inf June 1884; 1 lt 22 June 1890; capt 26 Apr 1898; maj 2 Va inf 1 June 1898; hon must out of vols 11 Dec 1898."

SHANKS, DAVID CARY Va. Va. Cadet M.A. 1 July 1880 (33);

Information from the Adjutant General, Washington, is to the effect that Maj. Gen. David C. Shanks died on April 10, 1940

Among the present day Shanks in America who have done most valuable work in placing on record ancestral data of the family are to be mentioned Messrs. Oscar Shanks, of Chicago, Ill., and Otto P. Shanks, of Monticello, Mo. The former has spent much time and effort in recovering old-country records of the Shanks family in Scotland and Ireland. In the following pages we present some of his data which should prove of great interest to every member of the clan. We also give extracts from letters received from these gentlemen relating to various Shanks personages and localities.

From Mr. Oscar Shanks.

"There are supposed to be two branches of the family in America and another one in Canada. John Shanks, the original settler, was in Westmoreland County, Virginia, in 1650. A grant of land was subsequently issued to him. The land was either in Fairfax County, Va., or in St. Johns or Prince George County, Md. Tradition has it that this land has never been sold, but has descended from generation to generation to the year 1880, something unprecedented in colonial real estate. The property has passed to the female members of the family and the name of Shanks in the title is remote. I am working on this line, hoping to bring it down to date. In my search I find that there is quite a large family of Shanks living in Prince George County, Md., in colonial days and any number of Johns.

The other branch, of which Samuel is supposed to be the head, settled in West Nottingham Township, Chester County, Pennsylvania.

I am a descendant of Thomas Shanks, born in 1748, married Tabitha Bradford. They came to Kentucky about 1780 and located near Simpsonville, Shelby County. The house in which they lived is still standing altho the property has passed from the Shanks family. They had eleven children: William, Samuel, Robert, John, James, Taliferro, Suzanna, Clary, Rebecca, Eliza and Abigail. The problem now is to find the progenitors of this Thomas Shanks.

Tradition has it that Thomas Shanks had big tobacco lands in Virginia, that he hauled his tobacco to the market at Richmond and that on the way home they seined enough shad from the Potomac to

load the empty wagons. The shad was smoked and kept like bacon. He had many slaves.

The census of 1776, St. John and Prince George parishes, reports:

"Thomas Shanks, age 29, Suzanna age 20, 1 male child age 1, six male slaves and ten female slaves."

You will note that Thomas of Maryland and Thomas of Kentucky are of the same age. The name of the wife is different, but Tabitha may have been a second wife. You see my difficulties and any information you may have that will assist me will be gratefully appreciated. I will send you the results of my search as soon as completed and as I said before, I hope to be able to carry the record back to John Shanks, 1650."

From Otto P. Shanks.

"It is my belief that William F. G. Shanks and Oscar Shanks, referred to in Gen. Shanks' booklet, are descendants of Thomas Shanks, of Shelby County, K y. This Kentucky Thomas was a contemporary of William Shanks, son of Thomas of York County, and could not have been his son. These Kentucky families, Thomas' and William's, have always known each other as cousins, but so far as I am able to ascertain, the exact relationship has been lost. At least, Oscar Shanks and myself have never been able to get into communication with anyone who can definitely connect these two families. Thomas of Kentucky was probably born in Pennsylvania in the year 1748. I believe the tradition that William was born on shipboard is too firmly established among his descendants to be erroneous. We even have the day of his birth from tradition rather than from any published records.

I feel sure that your James and my William were brothers.

So far as I know there is no one save myself who is making any particular effort to chart the descendants of William Shanks, son of Thomas of York County. So far my record is incomplete and I have not made any attempt to draw a chart. Of course I hope to do this with as much accuracy as possible within the not too distant future. Also the booklet by Gen. David C. Shanks you have read is the only thing of its kind that has been published, to my knowledge.

I am inclosing you a copy of "Shanks Line in America" and "Shanks Line in Scotland", both of which came to me through Oscar Shanks of Chicago. You will notice that whoever prepared "Shanks Line in America" named Samuel Shanks as the immigrant. My personal opinion is that this is partly true--that both Thomas and Samuel came to this country at about the same time and that possibly Thomas and Samuel were brothers. This is pure assumption on my part, but there is much to substantiate the theory.

Thomas (whom I assume to be Samuel's son) served in the Revolutionary army. He appears in the inclosed sketch of "Shanks Line in America" as a brother of William, but subsequent records do not bear this out. Thomas' will in particular is silent as to a son Thomas. My guess is that Thomas, later of Kentucky, and Archibald were brothers and cousins of William, David, James, Sarah, Elizabeth and Mary, the children of Thomas of Warrington Township in York County. No doubt both these families were neighbors in Pennsylvania about the time of

the Revolution. For that reason it is very hard to tell from the meagre records just who is who. You will also note a John Shanks in Pennsylvania as early as 1741.

Briefly, William Shanks married Sarah Hanley of Virginia and later settled in Lincoln County, Kentucky, near Crab Orchard. His son John was there married to Sarah Gaines in 1807. This John died in 1811 leaving a son John (1808-1893) and another child whose identity is at present unknown to me. Sarah Gaines died in 1814. Orphan John was raised by his uncles and aunts, of which there were eight, and in 1828 married Elizabeth Farris. Having been virtually disinherited by his grandfather and being much poorer than his kindred, he became dissatisfied with his condition and in 1834 he and his wife and two children came to Lewis County, Missouri. Here they prospered, raised a large family, acquired considerable land and a number of slaves. He was a pioneer Christian preacher and was instrumental in spreading the doctrines of Alexander Campbell throughout this part of Missouri. Assisted in the founding of Christian University at Canton, Mo., and was a life-long leader in his community. His wife died in 1896. Their married life was but a few weeks short of 65 years. His eldest son William married Ellen Durrett, born near Spottsylvania Court House, Va. William and Ellen lived their entire lives as respected and moderately-prosperous farmers. They had three children: Eliza, Sarah Pauline and John William, (1866-1924). John William married Mary F. Wall; three children: myself, born 1895, and Robert V. and Charles V., twins, born 1898. I was married in 1918 to Eula Lee McKee, of Scotch-Irish-Virginia and Kentucky stock. We have three children: John William (Billy), 1921; Mary Nell, 1924; and Betty Ruth, 1925.

The given names William, John, James, Archibald, David and Sarah appear in almost every generation of the descendants of William and David. I have personally known some six by the name of John. I very well remember my great-uncle, James H. James H. Jr. lives in this county. My grandfather, my father and my son were all named William. Dr. Archibald L. Shanks is a very prominent and successful physician and surgeon of Hannibal, Mo. David lives near here. I mentioned my aunt, Sarah Pauline. Also had a great-aunt named Sarah. For some reason the name Thomas does not appear in the Lewis County family. The same given names appear among the descendants of Thomas of Shelby County, Ky. In my mind there is no doubt that Thomas, of Shelby County, and William, of Lincoln County, were closely related.

It is not possible to give more than a brief outline of our subject in a single letter. This sketch is very brief and disconnected, mingling as it does both fact and theory. I have, however, discovered that it is only by theorizing on the facts in hand that we can make an intelligent guess as to where to look for more facts.

Only this past week I received a letter from a Shanks in St. Louis who was Canadian born from Irish parentage. From several sources I have learned that the name is common in Ireland, though undoubtedly of Scottish origin. He related the story of Malcolm De Schankis similar to the Murdock Shanks noted in the inclosed "Shanks Line in Scotland."

It would be impossible to overestimate the value of the researches of both Oscar Shanks and Otto P. Shanks as contributions to our present sum of Shanks lore.

THE SHANKS LINE IN SCOTLAND

The following items relating to the Shanks of Scotland were originally contributed by Mr. Oscar Shanks, of Chicago, Ill. Their value from an historical standpoint cannot be overestimated.

SCOTTISH KAILIN V.O. p. 441. "Shanks, a surname from lands in Widdochian. The records state that a Murdoch Shanks received from King Robert Bruce the estate of Kingshorn, Fifeshire, as a reward for his discovery and care of the body of Alexander III, of Scotland, who lost his life from falling from the steep cliff at Iverkeithing on his way home one stormy night in the year 1286."

"Robert Shanks held charter to the lands and of a chapel 1360, but after the lineal descent for two generations (or about 80 years) the estate came to collateral lines."

LEE'S DICTIONARY OF NATIONAL BIOGRAPHY, V. 50, p. 436, notes as follows: "John Shanks of this line born 1740, died 1823, was the son of Alexander who was born 16... John Shanks was a mariner and built many ships. In person commanded one of them which came to Canada and defeated the American flotilla in Lake Champlain in 1776."

THE GREST SEAL OF SCOTLAND, 1488, notes a James Shanks as owner of tenements; also 1478 Robert Schankis, of Edinboro.

The line which emigrated to America early in 1700 were of the estates of Partick, Parish of Coven, about 2 miles from the city of Glasgow, famous for shipbuilding.

THE INQUISITION OF SCOTLAND, by Lenark, notes Nov. 30, 1542: "James Schank Senior, son and heir of William Schankis in West Partick, Parish of Coven, Regalite of Glasgow, and Joneta Allen, his spouse, all of 13 acres and all lands in the west side of Partick."

William Shanks (I) born about 1540, died 1594; James, the heir, was a man of family when he proved heirship 1593, two years after the death of William (I).

John (II), son of the above William, was of Leith and died

THE INQUISITION V. 6--72--117--year 1601: "William Shanks (III), heir to John Shanks, of the town of Leith, his father; [William III] was sheriff of Renfrew and his spouse, Janet McKair, took the heirship in 1602."

William Schankis (IV), son of the above William, married Janet Cairns, who died 1644. The Commissariat of Edinboro records the will of the said William 1645, and his spouse, Janet Cairns, 1644. He was given as skipper.

THE COMMISSARIAT OF EDINBORO, p. 344: "James Shanks (V), of Prestonglen, was the son, with others, of the above; married Margaret Nichols who died in 1702 and whose will is noted in the Commissariat of Edinboro.

William (VI), son of the above, married Margaret Whyte, daughter of John Whyte, of Leith, May 20, 1716 -- Edinboro Marriage Records, p. 158.

COMMISSARIOT OF LENARK, p. 86: "William Shanks, of Partick, Parish of Coven, Regalite of Glasgow, married Margaret Mcghie, daughter and heir of the late John Mcghie. They married in Costlayet, was of the Parish of Douglas; she died in 1737."

Some of the family of the above went with the "Settlement of the Undertakers" to Ulster, County of Dremore, Ireland. The wills of Samuel, Alexander, Archbold and William are of record in "Irish Wills Dremore."

OWNERS AND LANDS OF GALLOWAY: "The Parish of Balmaghie was taken from the owner Mcghie in the 14th century. The Mcghie were of Irish extraction on the coast of Antrim. There was an Isle of Mcghie off this land. William Mcghie was noted in Galloway, Scotland, in 1748; again Alexander in 1586, whose eldest son Robert was noted in the returns of the lands, 1611, and whose eldest son John, 1615, who had Alexander who married first Margaret and second Elizabeth Stewart, 1699, and had by her William Mcghie who married Anna Fullerton. The last mentioned couple had John, son and heir, who married Isabel Gordon and had Sasino, 1712, who was succeeded by his son John."

THE SHANKS LINE IN AMERICA

SAMUEL SHANKS. (Pennsylvania Archives S-3, V. 24, p. 99) Nov. 29, 1749: Warrantees of Land Chester County, Pa. 1741; Lancaster County, Pa., January -- John Shanks, 197 acres. (Pa. Archives S-3, V.p. 143) Proprietary tax 1769, Ward Southwark Carpet, Samuel Shanks. (History of Chester County, Pa. West Nottingham Township Taxables 1753,) Samuel Shanks.

Samuel Shanks settled in West Nottingham Township, Chester County, Pa. Was a man of family in 1749, as listed in taxables. Had sons:

THOMAS SHANKS, son of Samuel of Chester County, who served as sergeant in the Revolution in Penna. Rifle Company and later moved to Warrington Township, York County, Pa. Was noted there in 1783 with family and James and David Shanks who married Hannah Morrison in 1784 in Germantown, Penna.

ARCHIBALD SHANKS, son of Samuel of Chester County, Pa., and brother of the above-named Thomas Shanks. Served in the Revolution from Chester County in Rifle Regiment; removed to Fayette County, Pa. Was in Franklin Township, married, and in 1820 Polly and Sarah Shanks attended the first school in Franklin Township.

WILLIAM SHANKS, son of Samuel Shanks, born at sea in 1747, served in the Revolution in Rifle Regiment under Col. Miles, 1776, 2nd Battalion; went to Augusta County, Va.; listed as a non resident. There married Sarah Hanley and settled in Greenbriar County, W. Va. (See Virginia Census 1783 and Dyer's Index, 1783, Greenbriar County, West Va.) In or about 1797 he and his wife and family moved to Lincoln County, Ky., where the youngest child, William Shanks, was born. Sarah Hanley was born in Virginia March 16, 1759, and died in Kentucky, Lincoln County, July 27, 1817.

WILLIAM SHANKS, born near Stanford, Ky., in June, 1799; married Rebecca Baughman, born Feb. 6, 1805, daughter of Henry Baughman and Patience Owsley, Mar. 22, 1822, at the home of the bride's father in Lincoln County, Ky. They

had twelve children, namely: Sarah Jane, Mary C., Margaret, Margaret Ann, John H., William B., David, Nancy E., Samuel, Hamilton, Patience, Thomas Hanley, Rebecca (died in infancy) and Virginia. William Shanks was a farmer by pursuit; was for a number of years a magistrate, was for one term sheriff of Lincoln County, was a man of considerable force of character, possessed of fine natural talents, maintained a fine reputation and was a man of considerable wealth. He died June 5, 1872. Rebecca, his wife, died Sept. 29, 1855.

JOHN HENRY SHANKS, born Dec. 23, 1831, in Lincoln Co., Ky., married Louisa Bailey, of Shelby Co., Ky. They had five children, namely, Anne Hartwell, William Carroll, Thomas Hanley, Rebecca (died at age of 4) and John Henry, first named Nudigate Owsley, but at the death of his father a few months after the last-named child was born his name was changed to John Henry.

WILLIAM CARROLL SHANKS, born May 7, 1875; married Nora Noreland, born Nov. 28, 1879. They lived at Stanford, Ky., and had three children, namely: Hartwell Hawkins, Margaret and Samuel Hamilton (died in infancy).

ANNIE HARTWELL SHANKS, born Oct. 24, 1869, married Henry Kirby Bourne, born in Henry Co., Ky. At present they reside in Newcastle in the same county. Married May, 1904, and have no children.

THOMAS HANLEY SHANKS, a lawyer, born June 7, 1879, married Mattie Hays Owsley, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ephrias Owsley, originally from Kentucky. They have no children.

JOHN HENRY SHANKS, born Oct. 14, 1882, married Anna Cook, of Stanford, Ky., June, 1905. At present they reside in Columbus, Ga., and have no children.

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The foregoing completes the data supplied by Mr. Oscar Shanks. We now turn to the line of descent from Thomas Shanks, of York County, Pa., through his son, James, who went to Bedford County, Pennsylvania. The descent of the other two sons, William and David, has been amply covered in Gen. Shanks' book and the researches of Oscar and Otto P. Shanks.

I. THOMAS SHANKS, of Warrington Twp., York Co., Pa.

II. Sons: William, David, James Daughters: Sarah, Elizabeth, Mary

James, the third son, with whom we have now to do married Catherine Beam and about the year 1785 went into Bedford County which in 1795 was subdivided, a part becoming Quemahoning Township, Somerset County, wherein James Shanks lived and died in 1805. In the legal action in settlement of the estate, the widow was named as Hannah. It is not known at this time if Catherine (Beam) Shanks is to be identified with Hannah, widow of James in 1805. It is possible that the latter was a second wife. In any event, shortly after the death of James Shanks in 1805 the farm was partitioned and sold. In the petition of the son, Thomas, for the sale, among the heirs was named the "widow Hannah, since intermarried with Samuel Shull." This was in Quemahoning Township.

II.

Children of JAMES SHANKS, of Somerset Co.

III.

Sons: Thomas, William, James, John Daughters: Sarah, Ann

We follow the first son, Thomas. Shortly after the partition and sale of his father's land, having received his share, he appears to have gone to Westmoreland County where he followed the occupation of miller. Here he married Susannah Pense and in 1815 emigrated to Tuscarawas County, Ohio, where he remained 5 years. He is reported to have gone to Richland County, Ohio, in 1820; however, in Graham's History of Richland County, page 600, Thomas Shanks is reported to have been in Washington Township, that county, in 1816, in Section 2. In 1827 he removed to Goshen Township in Richland County, in that part which later was added to Jackson Township, Wyandot County, where he settled on 200 acres of Government land and spent the remainder of his life there. He died in 1872 at the advanced age of 101. His wife, Susannah Pense Shanks, died in Goshen Township in 1857.

Thomas and Susannah Shanks had fourteen children of whom thirteen reached adult age. Of these children we follow their son, John.

JOHN SHANKS, son of Thomas Shanks of Wyandot County, was born Sept. 26, 1821, in Richland County, Ohio. In 1846 he was married to Jane Mustard. They were the parents of six children, two of whom, Royal Sheldon and John Harris, were living in 1883. This year is referred to because that was the year of the publication of a history of Hardin County, Ohio, from which most of the foregoing data was taken.

In 1938 the writer got in touch with Anna E. Cronbaugh, a descendant of John Shanks, who kindly furnished the information from the Hardin County history referred to. In that year (1938) the only survivor of the children of John Shanks was John Harris Shanks, then living with his niece, Mrs. Milo D. Cronbaugh, (Anna E.) Mrs. Cronbaugh has also furnished the following data in regard to later descendants.

Royal Sheldon Shanks married Mary Katherine Ream and to them were born three children: William Carlton, Frances Lenore and Anna Elizabeth.

William C. married Essie Eastman and had three sons, one dying in infancy. The surviving sons are: Royal Eastman Shanks and Robert Sheldon Shanks. Royal E. is married to Betty Morris.

Frances Lenore, daughter of Royal Sheldon Shanks, is married to Luther Creed and lives in Phoenix, Arizona. Her sister, Anna E., is married to Milo Cronbaugh, of Ada, Ohio. They have one daughter, Hazel Mae, a graduate of Western Reserve University.

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WILLIAM, second son of JAMES SHANKS, Somerset Co.

The only data on a William Shanks that might connect up with the Somerset family is that found in Fayette County, Pa., adjacent to Somerset, where we find recorded on Mar. 18, 1834, a deed as follows:

(Deed Book S. p. 428
(Date: Mar. 18, 1834
(100 acres, 11 perches
(Consideration: \$900.
(Adjoining Wm. Shanks and others.

"William Shanks and Mary, his wife, of one part and James Shanks of same place, of other part. Said William Shanks and Mary, his wife, for and in consideration of nine hundred dollars paid by said James Shanks, confirmed to him his heirs and assigns, certain parcel of land situated in Franklin Township, Fayette County, Pennsylvania, containing 100 acres and 11 perches, situated, etc.

Witness:

Joseph Christ
John Shanks

(Signed) WILLIAM SHANKS
MARY (x) SHANKS

The above land is where the log schoolhouse was and called "Hope", situated on the Uniontown and Pittsburgh road. The same land was sold by James and Nancy Shanks to Thomas Jefferson Lynn, Apr. 2, 1841.

One of the earliest schoolhouses in Franklin Township was a log building which stood in 1800 upon the Uniontown and Pittsburgh road, about 40 rods south of John Shotwell's stone mansion. It was the only schoolhouse in Franklin west of Flatwoods and one of the very first in that section of the country. It was built before the year 1800 but just when cannot be told. Among the children numbered with the earliest pupils in that schoolhouse were John, James and Sarah Shanks. The old Franklin schoolhouse was built in 1821 upon the site of the present house. Those most active in building the house were William and Polly Shanks.

Very significant is the name of this land tract sold by William Shanks in 1834: "Hope". This word translated into Latin, "Spero", means: "I hope" and appears to have been taken from the Shanks family crest in Scotland which bore an eagle, rising, with the motto: SPERO. This circumstance seems to indicate a familiarity on the part of the owners with the Shanks Scottish traditions or history.

Following is a note from a History of Tuscarawas County:

"J. M. Shanks was born in Harrison County, Ohio, Jan. 12, 1851. His grandfather is James Shanks, now living (1883) in Iowa at 80 years of age. His father was William Shanks, a native of Fayette County, Pennsylvania, who died in 1881."

It is possible that the James Shanks here referred to was the James who as a child attended the log schoolhouse on the Uniontown and Pittsburgh road. He should, however, not be confused with the James Shanks who emigrated from Somerset County to Tuscarawas County, in 1803 and there married Christena Helwig. The relationship doubtless was that of cousins.

In the old Redstone Baptist Cemetery at Brownsville, Pa., appears the following inscription on a tombstone:

IN MEMORY OF WILLIAM SHANKS
Son of Wm. and Mary Shanks
WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE
Feb. 23, 1830
Age 13 Years and 2 Months

It is possible that this William Shanks named as father is to be identified with the William who lived in Fayette County and that he was a son of James Shanks, of Somerset County. However, there is no proof at hand and we now pass on to:

JAMES, third son of James Shanks, Somerset Co.

It will be recalled from the data cited on page 4 of this sketch that the farm of James Shanks in Quemahoning Township, Somerset County, was sold in 1805 on petition of Thomas, the eldest son. After this sale the family seems to have been broken up, Thomas going into Westmoreland County where he married and later, 1815, went to Tuscarawas County, Ohio. About 1810 to 1812 there was a heavy tide of migration of residents of Somerset County to Tuscarawas and Coshocton Counties in Ohio, among whom we note the Mizers, the Shanks, the Shulls, the Wyants and others. It seems definite that the James Shanks widow, Hannah, (now Shull) together with other members of the Shanks family and the husband, Samuel Shull, came into New Philadelphia, county-seat of the new county of Tuscarawas, as early records of that town show that Samuel Shull was licensed to conduct a tavern there in 1812. Also the marriage record previously cited shows that James Shanks (son) was married to Christena Helwig in New Philadelphia about 1812. The Helwig family will be discussed in a later chapter.

Children of James and Christena Helwig Shanks

1. DAVID, born May 7, 1814; m. Catherine Sherrets 1834; died 1884 in Huron Co., Ohio. Buried Bethel Cemetery there.
2. James, born 1816 (?); m. Louisa Mizer 1837; died 1889.
3. Hannah, born 1817; m. Daniel Wyant, of Somerset Co., Pa. Mother of Alex. H. Wyant, famous American landscape artist; died Jan. 29, 1892.
4. Catherine, born Aug. 14, 1819; m. Joseph Myser Feb. 23, 1837 in Coshocton Co., Ohio; died 1889. Buried Lutheran Cemetery at Chili, Ohio.
5. Matilda, born Nov. 22, 1821; m. Frederick Helmreich Nov. 10, 1842.
6. John, born --- ; said to have gone to Illinois. No further data.
7. Andrew, born --- ; no data on him.
8. Susannah, born 1830 (?); m. Wm. McFadden. Went to Riley Co., Kas.
9. Mariah, born Jan. 30, 1834; m. Ferguson Shannon Mar. 24, 1859. Died in Katy, Texas, June 6, 1919, where she is buried.

The Shanks family appears to have lived near Stone Creek, in Tuscarawas County, or between that place and the town of Bakersville southwest, lying just across the Coshocton County line. In this general district also lived the various families with whom the descendants of James Shanks married: the Sherrets, the Wyants, the Mysers and Mizers, the Helmreichs, the McFaddens and the Shannons. One mile north of Bakersville we find the old Evans Creek Lutheran Church and adjacent graveyard where are buried many pioneers of the neighborhood, including Christena Helwig Shanks, wife of James, who died in 1877 in the home of her youngest daughter, Mariah Shannon. The countryside here is very beautiful with its hills and dales; and its background of history together with its natural attractions, present Tuscarawas as one of the most attractive counties of Ohio.

At this point some items of history concerning Tuscarawas County.

TUSCARAWAS COUNTY AND THE MUSKINGUM COUNTRY

The organization of the Northwest Territory, of which Ohio formed an important part, was completed by 1788. Various companies of pioneers set forth from the east over Braddock's Road across the Alleghenies into Ohio and entered the territory along the Muskingum River. Such a company arrived at the site of Marietta on April 7, 1788; and these, with the exception of the Moravians, must be regarded as the first settlers in Ohio.

The Moravians were a religious body consecrated to the task of converting the Indians to Christianity. Led by Zeisberger and Heckewelder at an early date missions were established surrounded by the homes of Christian Indians. The Moravians first came to Clay Township in 1798. The so-called "Moravian Lands" were originally granted to the Christian Indians in 1787 and confirmed by Act of Congress in 1796 to the Moravian brethren of Bethlehem, Pa., in sacred trust for the use of those Indians who embraced Christianity and civilization, desiring to live thereon. These tracts included 4000 acres each and were situated in Tuscarawas County. In 1823 the Indians relinquished their rights to the 12000 acres in the county for 24000 acres in a territory designated by the U. S., together with an annuity of \$400.

Tuscarawas County was established by act of the State Legislature Feb. 13, 1808, and was carved from the "territory of the Muskingum". Immediately subsequent to this action the district rapidly became settled, principally by pioneers from the neighboring state of Pennsylvania. The greater part of the county forms a part of the tract of land known as the United States Military District. Besides the land included in that district, there are in the county three Moravian tracts. Most of the early settlers of Tuscarawas County were of German ancestry and came from Pennsylvania. However, many came from Maryland, Connecticut and New Jersey. Others migrated direct from the Emerald Isle and Germany.

The Ohio Canal was built through the county beginning at the northern end. It was commenced in 1825 and finished in 1830. Laborers on the canal were usually residents of the vicinity, farmers and their sons, and the wages were from \$7 to \$10 per month, with board. From the year of its completion until 1861 the canal was operated by the State, after which time it was leased to private operators. The first boat to pass through the completed canal was the "UNION", of Dover.

New Philadelphia was laid out in 1804 by the proprietor, John Knisely. Four years later it was selected as the county-seat of Tuscarawas County. When the town was laid out the site was covered with brush and trees and the town lots were indicated only by small stakes. James and Christena Shanks appear to have invested in some of these town lots, as a conveyance from them to Samuel Shull in 1819 of "a parcel of land in New Philadelphia" is of record. John Knisely came to Goshen Township in 1804. Henry Laffer, from Pennsylvania, opened a tavern in the town in 1809; likewise, in 1812 and 1813 Samuel Shull received a tavern license.

From Tuscarawas County History published in 1883:

"The first settler in Stone Creek in the territory that now constitutes York Township was John Shull who hailed from Somerset County, Pennsylvania; and in or about 1806 left his old home with his wife Elizabeth and six children, traveling by team to New Philadelphia. There he was obliged to cut a road up Stone Creek

to the north half of Section 16, Range 2, Township 8. Henry Shanaman, his hired man, accompanied him and assisted Mr. Shull in completing the first cabin in the township by the side of a spring near the present dwelling of Gabriel Shull in the N.E. quarter of Section 16. A band of Indians had encamped there but by making them a peace offering of provisions Mr. Shull prevailed upon them to remove about a half mile down the creek.

John Shull was by descent a German of the Lutheran belief. He died in 1883. His wife survived him a few years. They had twelve children: Frederick, Sarah (Bugher), Mary (Casebeer), Benjamin, Jacob, John, Peter, Samuel, Joseph, Gabriel, George and Abram, several of whom still reside in the township."

The foregoing John Shull was doubtless a brother of Samuel Shull who married the widow of James Shanks in Somerset County, Pa.

OLD SETTLERS OF THE COUNTY

Auburn Twp. Daniel Keyser.

Henry Miller, whose sister married John Mizer and who married a sister of the Mizers, entered the SW 1/4 of Sec. 1. He was a Lutheran; came from Pennsylvania; afterwards removed with his large family to Williams County. About 1820.

Bucks Twp. Philip Mizer, brother of John of Auburn Twp.

Jacob Miller, son of John, of Shanesville, Ohio.

Benjamin Helwig, about 1823 came from Pennsylvania originally, but prior to his settlement in Bucks Twp. lived for a time in Harrison County. Was a hunter of some note and entered 480 acres of land, the south half of Sec. 20 and NW 1/4 of Sec. 21. In 1834 removed to Dover Twp. where he died years afterward. Was a Lutheran and had a family of 10 children. He was a brother of Christena Helwig who married James Shanks.

Joseph Helwig was a Justice of the Peace in 1843.

Dover Twp. On Brandywine Creek in the northern part of Sec. 1 stands an old frame Union church which was built in 1844 through the combined efforts of the Lutherans, the United Brethren, Dunkards and Winebrennarians, and for a time all these denominations held services there. Among the citizens who assisted in the erection were the Helwigs, who were Lutherans.

Jefferson Twp. Daniel Ridenour in 1827 came to this township from Jefferson County and settled at Stone Creek, filing in the south part of Sec. 18. He was German from Pennsylvania; a blacksmith who found time to assist his neighbors at this trade. Was a Lutheran. Later moved to Evans Creek.

Jacob Wyant was one of the first settlers in the southwest part of the township, locating in the northern part of Sec. 25. He was from Harrison County and when nearly 80 years of age left Ohio for Oregon where he died within a year of his arrival.

John Miller was an early resident of the township. Was of the German Reformed.

Mill Twp. Charles Andreas, an early resident.

Oxford Twp. Jacob J. Miller, from Morris Co., N.J., son-in-law of Nicholas Neighbor. Was a Lutheran and the first school teacher in the township and died there. Was a deacon in his church.

Of the children of James and Christena (Helwig) Shanks we follow the fortunes of David, the eldest son.

Born in Tuscarawas County, the vocation he followed appears to have been that of farmer although it is probable that he also worked on the canal. Following his marriage in 1834 to Catherine Sherrets, daughter of Adam and Catherine (Miller) Sherrets, their children arrived regularly every two or three years until by the summer of 1851 there were eight. David and Catherine first lived in Jefferson Township in Tuscarawas County, later moving to Dover Township where they bought a farm of 69 acres. This land was disposed of in two parcels from April, 1851, to Sept., 1853. (See page 3 of these notes.) In the next year, 1852, after the birth of their eighth child, Catherine Ann, having sold off their land they went to Huron County, Ohio where they settled on a small farm in Richmond Township bought of Benjamin B. Tanner.

The youngest child, a son, David Miller Shanks, was born in Huron County on March 7, 1854, on the property purchased of Benjamin Tanner. On Mar. 8, 1866, David and Catherine Shanks sold this land in two parcels; and as the deeds hold some interest to descendants we here present them in their entirety:

March 28, 1866

David and Catherine Shanks to James Shanks. Consideration: \$600.00

"Commencing at the Northwest corner of tract of land lying in the Northwest corner of Section 2 in the Township of Richmond and beginning and lying as aforesaid, running thence East 18 chains and thence South 11 chains, $11\frac{3}{4}$ links, thence West 18 chains, thence North 11 chains, $11\frac{3}{4}$ links to the place of beginning, containing 20 acres bounded on the north by the center of the township road running east and west, and on the east by Moses Kelly, on the south by land this day deeded from David Shanks to John Bakeicher, on the west by the center of the section line road running north and south. Said described tract shall contain 20 acres."

(Signed) DAVID SHANKS

Witnesses:

Jos. H. Beelman
Eliza Ann Beelman

Her
CATHERINE x SHANKS
Mark

David Shanks to John Bakircher

March 28, 1866

"Commencing at a stone on the Southwest corner of the land this day deeded by David Shanks to James Shanks, running thence east 18 chains along the line of land owned by James Shanks, thence south 11 chains $65\frac{1}{2}$ links, thence west 18 chains, thence north to the place of beginning and bounded on the north by land owned by James Shanks, on the east by land owned by Moses Kelly, on the south by land owned by Benjamin Tanner, on the west by the center of the section line road running north and south. Said described piece of land is taken out of the middle part of Lot 43 in Section 2 of the Township."

(Signed) DAVID SHANKS

Witnesses:

Her
CATHERINE x SHANKS
Mark

The land described in these deeds lies on the Section Line (Spalding) road at the crossing place of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad in Richmond Township a short distance north of the old Hawn schoolhouse. The railway as surveyed cut right across that part of the Shanks land deeded to James Shanks; this was in the year 1873, subsequent to which time James Shanks in his turn sold the 20 acres and moved to another farm a short distance southwest in the same township.

In the summer of 1866 David and Catherine Shanks removed to a farm in Scipio Township, Seneca County, near the town of Republic, Ohio, as witness the following deed:

April 1, 1866

Edson F. Stickney and Emma, his wife,
To David Shanks

Consideration \$1200

N.E. quarter of N.E. quarter of Sec. 14, Township 2, North of Range 16 East, in the Delaware Land District. Located in Scipio Township, Seneca County, Ohio.

(Signed) EDSON F. STICKNEY
EMMA STICKNEY

David Shanks is also on record as owner of a parcel of lots in the town of Republic subsequent to 1866. About the year 1881 he removed to the village of Chicago Junction in Huron County, now Willard, Ohio, where he died in 1884. He is buried in Bethel Cemetery in Richmond Township on the Tiffin-New Haven Road. After the death of her husband Catherine Shanks went to live with her daughter, Christina Moore and died there in 1889.

Children of David and Catherine (Sherrets) Shanks

1. John, born 1835; married Hannah Fleming; died ---. Buried Bethel Cem.
2. James, born Oct. 11, 1836; married Sarah Jane Tanner 1858; died Jan. 6, 1917. Buried in Bethel Cemetery.
3. Rebecca Jane; born May 4, 1838; married Wm. B. Post 1856; died 1911. Buried at New Haven, Ohio.
4. Christina, born May 4, 1841; married Geo. W. Moore 1863; died June 21, 1905. Buried at New Haven, Ohio.
5. Sarah Ann, born ---; married Henry Moore.
6. Adam, born 1844; died of disease in camp in Civil War, Mar. 8, 1863.
7. Martin Luther, born Nov. 1, 1848; married Anna L. Lean; died May 4, 1904. Buried in Casselton, N. D. Physician; Civil War veteran.
8. Catherine Ann, born June 14, 1851; married Melvin Chapman 1868; died Nov. 8, 1897.
9. David Miller, born Mar. 7, 1854; married Agnes McIntyre 1883; died Aug. 18, 1924, at Los Angeles, Calif. Horticulturist.

David Shanks, the father, in connection with his farming also acted as a Methodist lay preacher. He is said to have been a very eloquent speaker and had he been given an opportunity for a wider education there is little doubt that he would have become one of the country's noted divines. During his residence in Republic, Ohio, he occasionally filled the pulpit in the absence of the regular minister and it is reported to have been a cause of jubilation on the part of the attendants at church in such event, for then "they could hear David Shanks speak."

In personal appearance David Shanks was tall and spare, somewhat resembling Abraham Lincoln. He had a sincere and rugged countenance and the Lincoln resemblance is borne out from portraits in the writer's possession. David Shanks' devotion to his life partner is still commented on by his descendants.

We now follow the brothers and sisters of David.

Of his brother John, next eldest son of James and Christena Holwig Shanks, but little is known. He is reported to have gone to Illinois at an early date, perhaps about 1840. We have been unable to learn anything of his later life there--if he went there.

Likewise, of the brothers James and Andrew but little is known at this writing. We have only the marriage record of James Shanks to Louisa Mizer in Tuscarawas County in 1837 and the date of his death, 1889.

Of the sisters of David Shanks we will speak in the order of their birth.

Hannah Shanks Wyant. Noted chiefly as the mother of Alexander Helwig Wyant, famous American landscape painter. She was born at Evans Creek in Tuscarawas County in 1817 and was married to Daniel Wyant, of Somerset County, Pa., a farmer and carpenter and a man of strong character and sterling integrity. The name of a daughter was Amanda who was married to a Dr. McGuire in the village of Chili in Coshocton County. The Wyant family for a time lived in Port Washington, where the children were born. About the year 1842 they removed to Defiance, Ohio, where the son was apprenticed to a saddler. He, however, evinced but little interest in this occupation, preferring to exercise his talents in drawing on every possible occasion. As a young boy he was wont to draw pictures on the kitchen floor with a piece of charcoal taken from the fireplace; and while still very young determined to become an artist and have a studio in New York. How fully he carried out his boyhood ambition will be shown in the following pages.

A story is told of "Harry" Wyant (such was his nickname) during his boyhood in Tuscarawas County. One day he was driving to town with two of his cousins, the Myser children, with a basket of eggs to be taken to market. The buggy through some mischance upset, spilling out the eggs. Permitting no one to touch them or to disarrange them, Wyant at once proceeded to sketch the basket and contents as they lay. This little sketch remained in the Myser family for many years but its present whereabouts is unknown. This little anecdote of the famous artist was told to the compiler by Mrs. Augusta Longenecker, of Dover, Ohio, in 1933. An antique dealer of Detroit, Mich., a former resident of Defiance, Ohio, is said to possess a boyhood painting by A. H. Wyant done on a board during his Defiance residence. The subject is two children's heads. The following sketch is quoted from the Encyclopedia of American Biography:

"The first pictures that he ever saw were some of the atrocities carried into the country villages by peddlers, and he never observed a really good picture until he was 20 years of age. He was educated at the high school in Defiance, Ohio, and was then apprenticed to a saddler and harness maker. He took no interest in the business, preferring to paint any and everything he saw, boards and even signs, to accomplish his purpose. In search of work he went to Cincinnati and Louisville, and there having heard of an artist named George Inness, made a pilgrimage to New York City to see him. At that time Inness was living at Perth Amboy, N. J., where he received the young man very kindly, looked over his sketches and encouraged him to go on. After spending a few days in New York City Wyant returned to Cincinnati full of hope and devotion



ALEXANDER H. WYANT, NOTED AMERICAN LANDSCAPE ARTIST
Photo from an oil portrait by Benoni Irwin in possession of
Mr. A. L. Wyant, Chester, Vt.

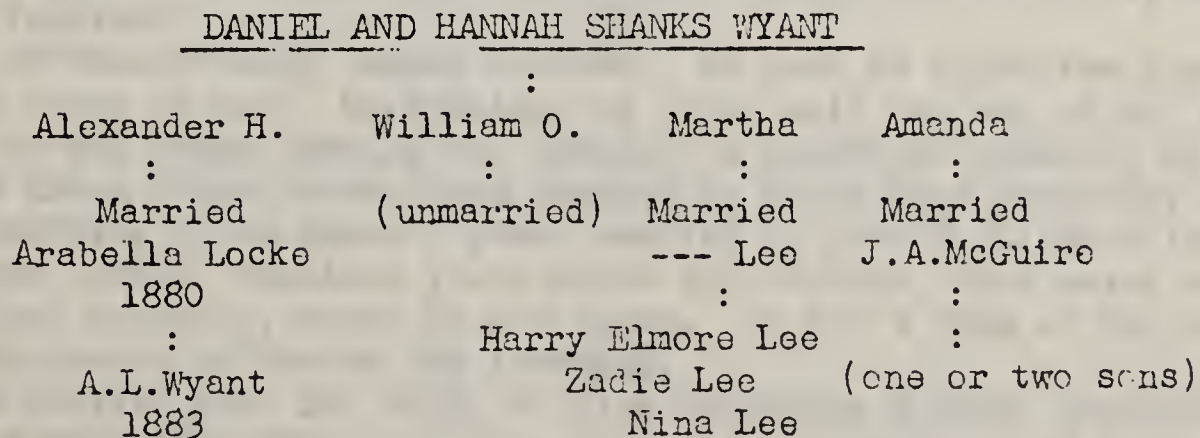
to Inness. He was now fortunate in finding a patron in Nicholas Longworth, of Cincinnati, who lent him some money and bought several of his pictures. The year 1863 was spent in studying the scenery of the Ohio Valley. In 1864 he removed to New York City and the following year was accepted into the Academy of Design. He was elected an associate in 1868 and an academician in 1869, for his "Scene On The Upper Susquhanna." In 1865 he managed to go to Europe and studied for a time with Hans Gude at Karlsruhe, and then spent some months in England and Ireland, studying all the time. While in London he gave special attention to the works of Constable and Turner. He soon returned to America, feeling more strongly drawn to the scenery of his own land and more in sympathy with nature where she first awakened his inspiration. He again settled in New York City and spent his summers at Keene Valley in the Adirondacks, toiling day and night and practicing the strictest economy. In 1873 his health became delicate and hoping to recuperate he went by invitation with a Government exploring expedition to Arizona and New Mexico; but after their arrival in New Mexico the leader of the expedition was transferred to another post and his substitute, an ignorant and brutal man, treated Mr. Wyant with great indignity, forcing him to do work to which he was not equal. In addition to suffering from exposure and lack of good food, at Fort Wingate he had a stroke of paralysis. With great difficulty he returned to New York City and under medical care partially recovered, but could never use his right hand. Strangely enough, his succeeding work, painted with only his left hand, was far superior to that of preceding and healthy part of his life.

He is represented in the principal picture galleries, including the Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York City, which contains his "View In County Kerry". His pictures in oil include: "A Storm" (1861); "Staten Island From The Jersey Meadows" (1867); "Scene On The Upper Susquehanna" (1869); "Shore of Lake Champlain", "Pool On The Ausable" (1871); "View On Lake George" (1875); "Wilds Of The Adirondacks" (1876).

He was married in New York City in 1889 to Arabella, daughter of John B. and Mary Ann (Brereton) Locke. He died in New York City Nov. 29, 1892."

Alexander H. and Arabella (Locke) Wyant had a son, A. L. Wyant, of Chester, Vt., who was born in New York City in 1883 and was married to Katharine Field in 1926. He is a breeder of fancy Ayrshire cattle on his Dutchess County, New York, farm.

Mr. A. L. Wyant has kindly furnished us with the following diagram of his family:



John Bell Locke married Mary Anne Brereton, Manchester, England, 1840. Children: Arabella (1841); Anne D.: Mary; Herbert.

In a letter to the compiler dated Aug. 18, 1935, Mr. A. L. Wyant wrote: "Thank you for the letter with the Shanks data which was very interesting. I was particularly interested in the mention of Robert Bruce, as there is a legend in my mother's family (Locke) that Sir Simon de Locard was the man who brought back the heart of Robert Bruce to Scotland. The name Locke was shortened from Lockhart which in turn was derived from Sir Simon de Locard."

Daniel Wyant died Sept. 18, 1867, and some years later his widow remarried, to one Snodgrass. Hannah (Shanks) Wyant Snodgrass died Jan. 29, 1892, and is buried, presumably, in Defiance, Ohio. Mr. A. L. Wyant further stated: "A letter from my father to his mother dated Sept., 1869, was addressed to her at Bakersville, Ohio, Coshocton County." From this it would appear that following her husband's death she returned to the vicinity of her old home. The year of her remarriage is unknown.

The writer has seen two small landscapes by Alex. H. Wyant in the Toledo Museum of Art. It is his judgment that for fineness of detail and execution they are unsurpassed. The paintings of this master hold a very high place in American art and it is a matter of pride to his kin to know that he was able so richly to realize his boyhood's dream of becoming a great artist. Portraits of Wyant and his first cousin, James Shanks, of Huron County, placed side by side, show a marked resemblance. May not the artistic instincts of Alexander H. Wyant be attributed to his Dutch ancestry through his maternal grandmother, Christena Helwig, and her forebears who came from Rotterdam to America in the early part of the 18th century? (For notes on the Helwig Family see a later chapter.)

Catherine Ann Shanks Myser. Second daughter of James and Christena (Helwig) Shanks, was born in Tuscarawas County August 14, 1819; was married to Joseph Myser on Feb. 18, 1837, and died Mar. 10, 1889. She is buried in the Lutheran Cemetery at Chili, Coshocton County, Ohio. The following sketch of the Myser family taken from a History of Coshocton County published in 1881 is of interest:

Biographical Sketch of Joseph Myser

"Joseph Myser of Adams Township, Coshocton County, Ohio, was born in Jefferson County, Ohio, March 15, 1812. His postoffice address is Bakersville, Ohio. He is the son of Jacob and Catherine (Faucler) Myser and grandson of Adam and Eve (Miller) Myser and of Philip and Mary M. Faucler.

He is of Pennsylvania German descent. He came to Coshocton County at three years of age. He remained at home until the age of 25, when he married and began farming for himself in Crawford Township; he remained there three years, then removed to White Eyes Township, and after remaining there about 2 years removed to Port Washington in Tuscarawas County; remained there about nine months, then moved back to Crawford Township, where he now lives. He has a farm of 300 acres in the northwest corner of the township.

He was married Feb. 18, 1837, to Miss Catherine Shanks, daughter of James and Christina (Helwick) Shanks, and grand-daughter of Andrew and Catherine (Truck-Miller) Helwick and of James and Catherine (Beam) Shanks. Mrs. Myser was born Aug. 14, 1819. This union has been blessed with twelve children:

M.Jennie	(Mary Jane)	Joseph
Calvin		Adaline (Lavinia)
Amanda		Olive
Susannah		Joanna (Catherine)
Libbie	(Sarah Elizabeth)	Howard
James	(Finley)	Willard

forming a very interesting family. Mr. Myser is a member of the Lutheran Church and has been a member since 20 years of age. A part of his family belongs to the same church as their father; the remainder except one belong to the Methodist Episcopal Church. His son Calvin served three years in the War of the Rebellion and carries numerous scars of that conflict."

In a letter to the writer dated June 5, 1933, Mr. Willard Myser, the youngest child of the family, wrote:

"My mother's name was Catherine Ann Shanks and Father's name was Joseph Miser. Grandfather's name, I think, was Jacob Miser. My father changed the spelling of Miser to Myser some great many years ago for the reason that there were so many Misers and Mizers, and especially Josephs, that the old postmaster could not keep the mail adjusted correctly. This was at Bakersville, Ohio."

In a letter dated June 9, 1933:

"The farm I was born on and lived until 1896 was in Adams Township, Coshocton County, just 12 miles northeast of Coshocton. I cannot tell you where my parents were married but the date of their wedding in an old family bible I have was Feb. 23, 1837. I had seven sisters: Mary Jane, Amanda, Susannah, Sarah Elizabeth, Lavinia Adaline, Olive, Catharine Joanna; none of whom are living. I had four brothers, only one living' Calvin, James Finley, Joseph, Howard and myself, I being the youngest of the family. Date of my birth: Nov. 6, 1860."

Following are the names of the children of Willard Myser:

Fred, living in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio
 Irene Sells, Fresno, Calif.
 Don, Canton, Ohio
 Charlotte McCullough, Newcomerstown, Ohio
 Homer, Coshocton, Ohio

Mrs. Augusta Helmreich, of Dover, Ohio, a school teacher, was well acquainted with the various Shanks sisters, daughters of James and Christena Shanks, and in a letter to the compiler dated in 1933, referring to the Myser family, stated:

"One of my Aunt Matilda's sisters married a Myser. (There are two branches of the family--they spell their names differently.) Joseph Myser had a large family, all well educated people. They are dead, I think, with one exception, Mr. Willard Myser, of Coshocton, Ohio. He is at this time a rather old man. In looking over some old photos I found one of Miss Amanda Myser, a daughter

of Joseph Myser. She looked very much like her mother--ash blonde hair, beautiful in quality, light blue eyes and fair skin. We thought a lot of her as well as of her family. Miss Amanda Myser taught school in Dover, Ohio, for a number of years. She married an old-time lover at the age of 70 years. His name was Alonzo Pocock, a teacher also. In appearance Amanda resembled her mother very closely."

Adaline, daughter of Catherine and Joseph Myser, was married to Lincoln Masters and lived in Canton, Ohio. Her two sisters, Oliva and Joanna, died at the Masters home. Adaline was married Oct. 26, 1904, and the date of her death was Apr. 16, 1927. She had no children.

Matilda Shanks Helmreich, third daughter, was born Nov. 22, 1821, and was married to Frederick Helmreich Dec. 20, 1842, in Tuscarawas County by Rev. Victor Collorado, an early minister of the gospel. Our first data on the Helmreich family came from Mrs. Augusta (Helmreich) Longenecker, of Dover, Ohio, now deceased, with whom the compiler carried on a very interesting correspondence during the year 1933. Chance played a large part in directing our course to Mrs. Longenecker who of all persons in Tuscarawas County was the one best qualified to give the most valuable information regarding the children of James and Christena (Helwig) Shanks.

In the belief that the original spelling of the family name might have been SHANK, we were referred to a Mrs. James Dauphin, of Wilmot, Ohio, a descendant of that family, who in a letter mentioned that she had an aunt who was related to the Helmreich family and further, had knowledge of the Shanks of Tuscarawas County. This was Mrs. Longenecker, the second wife of Mrs. Dauphin's father, John Longenecker, who was a descendant of Adam Shank, a Swiss immigrant. Through this means was established a most interesting and profitable correspondence during the course of which we learned many details of the lives of the early Shanks and their connections in the county.

Mrs. Longenecker although an invalid for many years and at the time bedfast, evinced a brilliant intellect and an active mind. She took a keen interest in our quest, giving help in every practical way. To her assistance is due in large measure the successful culmination of our inquiries.

V. Children of Frederick and Matilda (Shanks) Helmreich

1. George Washington, born Mar. 23, 1845; married Rosanna Troendly; died Mar. 11, 1907. Five children.
2. Catherine Ann, born June 28, 1847; died June 17, 1878. Unmarried.
3. Hannah Isabelle, born Jan. 27, 1853; married Albert Snyder; died 1932. Two children.
4. Philippina, born Dec. 1, 1855; married Adolph Lemly; died Nov. 5, 1879; one child, a son.
5. William Allen, born Jan. 17, 1859; married Ida Loveless; died 1938; three children.
6. John Clement, born May 7, 1863; unmarried; died Oct. 12, 1903.
7. Willis Clark, born Jan. 16, 1866; married Nena Lee; died Feb. 8, 1917; no children.

Descendants of the Children of Frederick and Matilda

V. George W. Helmreich and his wife, Rosanna Trenchly, (born July 25, 1843) had two daughters and three sons, all born in Tuscarawas County, as follows:

- VI. 1. Emma Cordelia, born Oct. 31, 1878; married Oct. 10, 1899, to Franklin Lewis Masters, (born Oct. 8, 1875, in Wyandot County, Ohio; died Jan. 5, 1942). Three daughters and four sons.
2. Emmet Winfield, born May 6, 1880; married Caroline E. Wheel-
soffer (born July 31, 1885); two sons, one daughter.
3. Clarence Walter, born Oct. 12, 1882; died Jan. 25 (or 27), 1885.
4. Wile Russell, born June 11, 1884; married Sept. 16, 1920, to Edna May Miller (born July 15, 1896); one daughter.
5. Minnie Augusta, born June 22, 1886; married to Gilbert Wilson English (born Feb. 13, 1887); Two daughters; five sons. Minnie A. died Mar. 6, 1946.

VII. Children of Emma Cordelia and Franklin Lewis Masters

1. Nanna May, born Aug. 21, 1900; married 1929 to Barton Christian Zappier (born Aug. 22, 1899); four sons, three daughters:

- VIII. 1. James Allen, born June 10, 1930.
2. Lewis Barton, born Aug. 21, 1931.
3. Estelle Cordelia, born Jan. 28, 1933
4. Virginia May, born Mar. 30, 1935.
5. Richard Eugene, born Nov. 17, 1938.
6. Larry Arthur, born Nov. 3, 1941.
7. Linda May, born Nov. 7, 1943.

- VII. 2. Lewis Franklin, born June 21, 1902; married Eileen Daugherty; one son:

- VIII. Kenneth Franklin, born Mar. 13, 1907; married Oct. 6, 1932, to Mary Gardner (born Mar. 13, 1907)

- VII. 3. Emmet Russell, born Apr. 4, 1904; died Jan. 25, 1915.

- VII. 4. Harry Frederick, born Aug. 26, 1905; married Mar. 31, 1928, to Irene Lorence (born Mar. 14, 1906); four sons, four daughters:

- VIII. 1. Raymond Harry, born Mar. 21, 1929.
2. Glenn Dale, born July 27, 1930.
3. Anne Marie, born June 24, 1932.
4. John Irwin, born Jan. 16, 1934.
5. Ivelyn May, born June 1, 1936.
6. Doger Dean, born Aug. 7, 1938.
7. Sherlie Ann, born Oct. 16, 1943.
8. Opal Virginia, born Dec. 22, 1944.

- VII. 5. Rosa Margaret, born May 28, 1906; married Jan. 12, 1934, to Carl Farrer (born June 13, 1900):

- VIII. Mary Margaret Masters, born Sept. 6, 1926.

- VII. 6. Corothy Irene, born May 25, 1910; married Aug. 22, 1942, to Dean Lantz Miller (born June 27, 1912); one daughter:

- VIII. Tenne Jean, born June 29, 1947.

- VII. 7. George Washington, born Nov. 3, 1917; married Mar. 11, 1939,
to Evelyn Cathrine Schlarb (born Sept. 1, 1920); 2 daughters:
- VIII. 1. Gloria Ann, born Oct. 22, 1939
2. Nancy Sue, born Feb. 27, 1943

Children of Emmet Winfield Helmreich and Caroline E. Muehlhoffer

- VII. 1. George Edwin, born Oct. 12, 1909; married Lois Lucille
Crites (born Dec. 22, 1911). 2 daughters:
- VIII. 1. Nancy Ellen, born Jan. 3, 1933
2. Louanna Grace, born Sept. 25, 1939
- VII. 2. Clarence Earl, born Feb. 24, 1913; married Maxine Loretta
Bahmer (born Aug. 13, 1915). 1 son, 1 daughter:
- VIII. 1. Earl Michael, born Aug. 30, 1939
2. Marjoty Maxine, born Mar. 9, 1942
- VII. 3. Wilma Rosanna, born Apr. 22, 1918; married Donald William
Knisely (born Sept. 10, 1911) 1 son:
- VIII. Donald William Jr., born Feb. 15, 1943

Child of Milo Russell Helmreich and Edna May Miller

- VII. 1. Helen Lucille, born June 1m 1921; married June 8,
1940, to Francis Hahn VanVoorhis (born Oct. 24, 1919)
2 daughters:
- VIII. Betty Jean, born June 9, 1942
Linda Sue, born June 7, 1946

Children of Minnie Augusta and Gilbert Wilson Endlich

- VII. 1. Leona Ruth, born June 30, 1908
2. Raymond Philip, born May 31, 1910; married Pauline
Brown (born July 11, 1917). 1 son, 1 daughter:
Corine Kay, born Feb. 1, 1939
Clifford Dane, born Jan. 2, 1945
3. Hugh LaVerne, born Nov. 22, 1911; married to Toletha
Pauline Loveless (born July 20, 1916). 1 son:
Adrian LaVerne, born Nov. 22, 1942
4. Reta Pauline, born Nov. 6, 1914; married to Emmet
Harrison (born Aug. 16, 1909).
5. Walter Gilbert, born Mar. 27, 1917; married June 15,
1945 to Anna Ruth Miller (born May 25, 1920). 1 dau.:
Diana Louise, born June 22, 1946
6. Charles Paul, born Aug. 26, 1922; married to Doris
Alleyne Howell (born Sept. 9, 1927). 1 son:
James Paul, born Sept. 8, 1947
7. Kenneth Dane, born Mar. 22, 1925

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Emmet Helmreich lives at Bakersville, Ohio, not far from the site of the old Shanks homo. He kindly furnished the writer with a list of the descendants of George Washington Helmreich represented in the foregoing record.

Hannah Isabelle Helmreich who was married to Albert Snyder had two children. One, a girl, died at birth; and a son, Elton Snyder, died at the age of 21.

Mrs. Augusta Longenecker wrote interestingly of her Helmreich ancestry:

"My grandfather, Peter Helmreich Sr., came to the United States just 100 years ago, 1833; or, I should say, the family ate their Christmas dinner in Philadelphia. They arrived in Tuscarawas County in 1833. Peter had three sons: Christopher, Frederick, who married Matilda Shanks, and Peter Jr., my father. I am his oldest child, Augusta. The other two being Edgar and Teressa."

Peter Helmreich died in 1868.

Frederick Helmreich was born Nov. 10, 1820.

The emigrant, Peter Helmreich Sr., came with his family from Feiflichheim-on-the-Rhine, Germany, and landed at Philadelphia, Pa.

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Mrs. Augusta Longenecker passed away on July 10, 1933. She had been a bedfast invalid for some years, nevertheless maintained a cheerful disposition and occupied her time in making beautiful quilts, in reading and in writing letters. In active life she was a teacher of oil painting and of pastel and crayon art work. She had an active mind, was a fine conversationalist and was capable of doing many kinds of work.

The foregoing information as to the passing of Mrs. Longenecker was given us by her niece, Mrs. James A. (Vinnie) Dauphin, of Wilmot, Stark Co., Ohio., a descendant of Adam Shank, a Swiss immigrant. There is insofar as known no relationship between this family and the Shanks family who lived in the same part of eastern Ohio, with whom the present work has to do.

IV. Susannah Shanks McFadden, fourth daughter of James and Christena Helwig Shanks, was born 1830(?) in Tuscarawas County and was married to Wm. McFadden, a former dry goods merchant in Bakersville, Ohio. The family removed many years ago to Riley County, Kansas, where the parents died and are probably buried.

V. Children of William and Susannah Shanks McFadden

1. Oliver
2. Frank. Said to be a resident of San Francisco; Calif.
3. Celesta. Was married to one Roberts and is now deceased.
4. A daughter, name unknown.

IV. Mariah Shanks Shannon, youngest daughter of James and Christena Helwig Shanks, was born in Tuscarawas County, Ohio, Jan. 30, 1834. She was married to Ferguson Shannon on March 24, 1859, and died in Katy, Texas, June 6, 1919, a short time before her husband. To this union were born eight children, four sons and four daughters, as follows:

- V. 1. William Ferguson, born May 8, 1860; died July 26, 1926. Was married to Ida Thompson Jan. 15, 1885. She is a resident of Pasadena, Calif. He died July 15, 1926. Children:

- VI. 1. Charles, b. Dec. 19, 1886; m. Jeannette Megason Smith Nov. 4, 1915. Their children:

- VII. 1. William Smith Shannon, b. Sept. 12, 1916; Have three children.
2. Charles Richard Shannon, b. Sept. 11, 1920. M. Mary Harth Thompson.
3. Ann Shannon, b. Nov. 10, 1921; m. Marshall W. Christian.

- VI. 2. Porter, born Mar. 20, 1892; died Jan. 13, 1893.
3. Helen, born Mar. 1, 1894. Lives Pasadena, Calif.
4. William, born May 1, 1904; m. Dorothy Kiehl March, 1941. Child:

- VII. Sally Ann, b. Mar. 23, 1942.

- V. 2. Alice Cary Shannon, born Dec. 24, 1861; m. William Miller Sanger June 19, 1887; d. Nov. 30, 1939. He was b. June 19, 1887 and died Aug. 31, 1943 in Villisca, Iowa.

- VI. 1. Alma Chata Sanger, b. Mar. 24, 1888.
2. Thora Olive Sanger, b. Aug. 19, 1889. Mitchell, S. D.
3. Emma Belle Sanger, b. Feb. 18, 1891; m. Mar. 10, 1916 to Frank A. Stafford. He was b. Mar. 21, 1884 and d. Aug. 8, 1948.

(For Stafford children see next page)

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denote generation from Thomas
Shanks, of Warrington Twp.,
York Co., Pa.)

Stafford Children:

- VII. 1. Dorothy May, b. Dec. 17, 1917; m. Johnny Filbert Nov. 1940. Children:
- VIII. 1. Ellen Eileen, b. June 27, 1942
2. John Steven, b. Nov. 17, 1944
- VII. 2. Doris Fay, b. Nov. 21, 1918; m. Dr. Robt. E. Gooch June 6, 1946. Child:
- VIII. Robert Stafford Gooch, b. Sept. 1950
- VII. 3. Genevieve, b. Mar. 4, 1922; m. May 29, 1948 to Artie A. Bratton. Child:
- VIII. Renée, b. Aug. 11, 1949
- VII. 4. Alice Jeannette, b. Oct. 7, 1927; m. July 7, 1948 Wilber Sieving.
- VI. 4. Ethel Vivian Sanger, b. Sept. 1, 1892. Washington, D. C.
5. Charles Shannon Sanger, b. June 21, 1895; m. Aug. 9, 1938, to Virginia Royer.
Pastor Presbyterian Church, Eaton, Ohio
6. Lawrence Miles Sanger, b. June 1, 1897; d. Oct. 31, 1899.
7. William Stanley Sanger, b. Jan. 10, 1904; m. Reba Maynard Aug. 25, 1927. Child:
- VII. William Stanley Sanger, Jr. b. Feb. 11, 1932
- VI. 8. Alice Fay Sanger, b. Sept. 9, 1905; m. May 9, 1929, to William Wood Duff who was b. June 10, 1902. Child:
- VII. Robert Sanger Duff, b. Jan. 22, 1932.
- V. 3. Bathia Emma Shannon, born Sept. 10, 1864; m. Nov. 18, 1891 to Marshall Z. Green who was born June 2, 1861; she died Dec. 7, 1905. He is living (1951) in Avondale, Colo. Their children:
- VI. 1. Reta Olive Green, b. Apr. 5, 1893; m. Milton Brown Sept. 27, 1915. Resides Cane Hill, Ark. Child:
- VII. Milton Marshall Brown, b. July 24, 1919. Capt. in Air Force U. S. A.
- VI. 2. Rupert Shannon Green, b. Jan. 2, 1895; m. June 4, 1927, Norma Josephine DeWeese.
3. Ruth Emma Green, b. June 2, 1902; m. June 4, 1924, Earl Tomlinson who was b. Feb. 2, 1899. Children:
- VII. 1. Luis Shannon, b. Jan. 21, 1926
2. Jacqueline, b. Aug. 3, 1928; m. Nov. 18, 1950 Herbert M. Williams. Lives Cleveland, Ohio
3. James Marshall, b. Feb. 20, 1937
4. Joan Ruth, b. Nov. 22, 1938
5. Judith Ann, b. Feb. 8, 1945
- V. 4. James F. Shannon, born Aug. 6, 1866; m. Meda Bolman. Deceased. One son, Warren Shannon, address unknown.

- V. 5. Matilda Jane Shannon, born June 16, 1869; m. July 16, 1901 to Frank Warden; d. Jan. 20, 1920. He was born Mar. 5, 1870 and died Nov. 2, 1950. Child:
- VI. Shannon Warden, b. Oct. 21, 1902; m. Dec. 22, 1929 to Bonnie M. Mansell. Lives Cotulla, Texas.
- V. 6. John Calvin Shannon, born Sept. 23, 1871; m. Jan. 30, 1922 to Valeria Ruth Pullman. They live in Katy, Texas.
- V. 7. Samuel Edgar Shannon, born July 30, 1874; m. Myrtle Hatfield. Lives in Osceola, Mo.
- V. 8. Mary Olive Shannon, born Aug. 26, 1877; m. Nov. 20, 1901, to Frank Wilkinson. Lives at Katy, Texas.

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Interesting details of the life of Ferguson Shannon are set forth in his obituary published succeeding his death on Nov. 3, 1919. He was born in Jefferson County, Ohio, on May 13, 1836, and lived in Ohio until the year 1880, when he with his family removed to Iowa. Later, in 1913, they moved to the town of Katy, Texas. Mr. Shannon was a veteran of the Civil War and a man of the highest integrity. He and his estimable wife lived together for more than 60 years, furnishing an example of marital constancy equalled by few.

Mrs. Mariah Shannon died on June 6, 1919, just a few months before her husband. She was more than 85 years of age. In early life she was a member of the Evangelical Church, later of the Presbyterian and Methodist Churches. She is buried in the cemetery at Katy, Texas.

In connection with the life of Ferguson Shannon we are pleased to present some valuable data on the line from which he is descended, that of the Fergusons, which has come into our hands through the kind offices of Thora Sanger and Ruth Tomlinson.

THE FERGUSON LINE

The Fergusons are the direct descendants of the Ferguson Clan of Scotland. The ancient home of this clan was in Athol where they were reckoned as an old clan before the time of Robert the Bruce. The chief was Baron Ferguson of Dumfallandia. They also held the half of the lands of Strathardie in Perthshire.

The Fergusons were great supporters of Robert the Bruce and very curiously wherever he held lands, a branch of the clan settled. He was Lord of Lochmaben in Dumfriesshire. There we have the Fergusons of Craigdarroch, Lord Carrick in Ayrshire.....

It is through the Fergusons of Craigdarroch that our Ferguson line extends. The following data is furnished by E. V. Smith, of Imperial, Penna.

According to a letter from him he had had this data checked by genealogists with Carnegie Library at Pittsburgh and "they all seem to think it as nearly correct as it can be made..." He also had access to Rev. John McMillan's (circuit rider and pastor in Washington County, Penna.) personal diary kept as he traveled as circuit rider for 50 years, and many are the times he mentioned the Fergusons; so many times that one can trace the family very well by it alone. Other information was gathered from the "Cumberland County Court Records, the D. A. R. Genealogists' "records, Washington County, Penna., Court Records, Centennial History published in 1887 and from the History of Old Redstone Presbytery. The line follows:

Alexander Ferguson, living in Craigdarroch, Scotland, 1587.

John Ferguson, son of Alexander, served in Parliament from Dumfriesshire, in 1649.

Alexander Ferguson who married Annie Laurie, daughter of Sir Robert Laurie of Maxwellton.

William Ferguson, son of Alexander and Annie, with Mary his wife came to America from the north of Ireland in 1720. They settled in Sudbury Township in Chester County, Pennsylvania, and died there. (Chester County records).

John, son of William and Mary, married Mary Kinkead and moved to Cumberland County. (Cumberland County Court Records and Rocky Springs Church Records and History.)

William Ferguson, son of John and Mary Kinkead Ferguson, married Sarah Liggett.

William Ferguson, son of William and Sarah, came to Washington County, Pennsylvania, as a single man and married Margaret Carroll about 1793. They moved to Ohio in 1802. (Details of this line from this branch on are found under the heading of William Shannon and Bathia Ferguson.)

Bathia Ferguson, daughter of William and Margaret, married William Shannon.

Ferguson Shannon, son of William and Bathia, married Mariah Shanks, as set forth in the accompanying data on the Shanks family.

The first generation of Fergusons in America came from Scotland in 1720, settling in and buying land of William Penn in eastern Pennsylvania. Some descendants have served in every war since that time as well as having contributed a great lot to the early history of it. Mr. or Mrs. E. V. Smith, Box 728, Imperial, Penna., is, or was, president of the William Ferguson Family Association and is compiling information and records of the family.

V. JAMES SHANKS, OF HURON COUNTY, OHIO, the principal subject of this sketch, was the second of David and Catherine Sherrets Shanks' sons and was born in Bucks Township in Tuscarawas County on Oct. 11, 1836. He came to Huron County with his parents in 1852, there grew to manhood and in 1858 was married to Sarah Jane, eldest daughter of Benjamin B. and Lucy (Kendall) Tanner, natives of Herkimer County, New York. Benjamin Bentley Tanner was descended from William Tanner, of South Kingstown, Rhode Island, who came to America from the west of England in the year 1630, landing at Plymouth, Mass.

James Shanks in 1866 purchased of his father, David Shanks, 20 acres of land near the farm of his father-in-law, Benjamin Tanner, in Richmond Township in Huron County and lived on it until 1873 when the survey of the Chicago extension of the Baltimore & Ohio Railway running right through their dooryard made it necessary that they dispose of their farm. This was part of the land bought by David Shanks from Benjamin Tanner and is further described on page 26 of these notes. After selling off their land James and Sarah Shanks bought from Tobias Shrock a farm of 65 acres a short distance to the southwest, lying about 3 miles from the new village of Chicago Junction which was established at the crossing place of the new railway extension of the B. & O. with the old line running from Newark to Sandusky. Chicago Junction is now called Willard, Ohio. The story was told the writer by his mother, Lucy Shanks Blaine, how her father in order to buy his new farm had to make the long journey to Fulton County to see the owner and close a deal for the land. This trip involved a railway journey through Toledo to near Delta, Ohio, where Shrock descendants still live.

On the new farm the younger Shanks children were born and here was the family home until after the death of Sarah Jane Shanks on Feb. 8, 1908. She was born in Herkimer Co., N. Y. on Apr. 16, 1840 and came to Ohio with her parents when less than a year old. James Shanks continued to live on the old home place with his youngest daughter, Lily, for a few years, then went to live with another daughter, Estella Cole, in Chicago Junction where he died on Jan. 6, 1917. He is buried in Bethel Cemetery in Richmond Township, a few miles to the west, where he reposes beside his faithful partner of so many years. James Shanks was a man of the highest integrity and although not of robust health in his later years, nevertheless lived to the ripe age of 81. He was a moderately prosperous farmer all his life and a pioneer of Richmond Twp.

Children of James and Sarah Jane Tanner Shanks:

- VI.
1. Lucy Elise, born Nov. 28, 1858; was married to Harry G. Blaine Oct. 7, 1877; died in March, 1920 at Toledo, Ohio, and is buried there in Woodlawn Cemetery.
 2. Emma Clara, born Sept. 3, 1862; was married to W. Oscar Van Liew Mar. 17, 1885; was living with daughter, Cora Grafmiller in Mansfield, Ohio, where she died on Nov. 14, 1950. Is buried at Plymouth, Ohio.
 3. Martha Adelia, born June 2, 1865; was married to Clayton C. Sanford in 1889; died Oct. 14, 1947 and is buried in Willard, Ohio.
 4. Anna Catherine, born Oct. 25, 1868; was married to Francis A. Richards Oct. 15, 1895. Lives in Willard, Ohio.
 5. Arthur James, born Jan. 1, 1873; was unmarried. Died Dec. 23, 1924 and is buried at Shelby, Ohio.
 6. Edith Estella, born Sept. 25, 1875; was married to Verne E. Cole on Oct. 13, 1896; died Nov. 7, 1942 and is buried at New Haven, Ohio.
 7. Lily Maude, born July 11, 1881; was married to Stanley Day June 30, 1916. Lives in Tiffin, Ohio

DESCENDANTS OF THE CHILDREN OF JAMES AND SARAH JANE SHANKS

- VI. Lucy Elise Shanks, eldest child of the foregoing, was born in Richmond Township, Huron Co., Ohio, on Nov. 28, 1858, on the small farm bought by her parents from David Shanks. Her girlhood was spent in helping her mother and Grandma Lucy Tanner who lived a short distance east. In 1873 her parents sold their farm and moved onto the Shrock place about a mile to the southwest. On Oct. 7, 1877, Lucy was married to Harry Gordon Blaine, a descendant in the fourth generation from Col. Ephraim Blaine, of Carlisle, Pa., a commissary in the Revolutionary War who died in 1804. Lucy E. Blaine died in Toledo, Ohio, in March, 1920, and is buried there in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Children of Harry G. and Lucy E. Blaine

- VII. Ernest Grant, twin, born Feb. 22, 1879; died in Toledo, Ohio, on Dec. 27, 1948, where he is buried in Woodlawn Cemetery. Was married to Anna L. Cox in Austin, Minn., in 1905. No children. Anna is buried also in Woodlawn Cemetery.
- Earl Hayes, twin, born Feb. 22, 1879; died in Attica, Ohio, on Dec. 27, 1897, where he is buried.
- Harry Stanley, born June 27, 1880; was married to Mabel Andrews in Willard, Ohio, on July 18, 1911; lives at 3809 Monroe St., Toledo 6, Ohio
- William Gillespie, born Nov. 15, 1883; died in Attica, Ohio, in April, 1932. Unmarried. Is buried in Woodlawn Cemetery at Toledo.

Children of Harry S. and Mabel Andrews Blaine

- VIII. 1. Gordon Andrews, born Nov. 20, 1912, in Willard, Ohio. Was married to Esther Lucile Hetrick 1937. Have children:
- IX. 1. Carol Lee, born Sept. 30, 1937
2. Nancy Jeanne, born Mar. 27, 1941
3. Sandra Anne, born Jan. 31, 1943
- VIII. 2. Mary Elizabeth, born Apr. 20, 1915; was married to Robert John Bobel on June 15, 1940. Have children:
- IX. 1. Robert John II, born Sept. 15, 1941
2. David Ralph, born Mar. 30, 1944
3. Ronald Gordon, born Apr. 9, 1947
4. Frederic Phillip, born Oct. 8, 1949
5. Beth Ann, born Dec. 18, 1950
- VIII. 3. Robert Eugene, born Feb. 9, 1919; was married to Joyce Elaine Ellwanger at Minneapolis, Minn., on June 14, 1947. Children:
- IX. 1. Roger Eugene, born Dec. 22, 1948
2. Larry Gordon, born Dec. 14, 1950.

- VI. Emma Clara Shanks, second daughter of James and Sarah Jane Shanks, was born in Richmond Township, Huron Co., Sept. 3, 1862 and was married Mar. 17, 1885 to Wm. Oscar, son of William Van Liew of Norwich Township, Huron County, Ohio. William Van Liew was a son of Frederick Van Liew of New Jersey, who was a son of Peter Van Liew, a native of Holland who emigrated to New Jersey.

Children of Peter Van Liew were: Peter, Frederick, Arnel, Wicoff

and Dinah. Frederick was born in New Jersey March 13, 1792. He was a tanner and currier by trade. While still a young man Frederick Van Liew went from New Jersey to Cayuga County, New York, where in 1814 he married Miss Maragret Post, a native of Somerset County, New Jersey.

William Van Liew, the son of Frederick, married Miss Charlotte, daughter of Jacob Burdge, of Centerton, Ohio. William Oscar Van Liew was born June 22, 1862 and died at Plymouth, Ohio, July 9, 1923. Emma Shanks Van Liew died on Nov. 14, 1950 and is buried at Plymouth, Ohio.

Children of Wm. Oscar and Emma Shanks Van Liew

- VII. Leo C., born Jan. 28, 1887; was married Feb. 18, 1914 to Delora M. Ebersole, of Attica, Ohio. He died Feb. 2, 1940 in Willard, Ohio, where he is buried in Greenwood Cemetery.

Child of Leo C. and Delora Ebersole Van Liew

- VIII. Wanda D., born Apr. 22, 1917; was married to Joseph B. Finney June 25, 1942. Have children:

- IX. 1. Janice, born June 10, 1944
2. Donald Bruce, born Nov. 1, 1947

- VII. Cora Irene, born Jan. 21, 1889; was married Feb. 21, 1912 to Otis Graf-miller. Lives in Mansfield, Ohio. Their children:

- VIII. 1. Van L., born Sept. 17, 1914
2. Richard O., born June 6, 1920

- VII. Ruth Arlene, born Mar. 29, 1895; was married Nov. 25, 1914 to Samuel P. Hershiser, of Attica, Ohio. She died Dec. 22, 1950. One child:

- VIII. Janice Ilene, born Mar. 14, 1931. Died at birth.

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- VI. Martha Adelia Shanks, third daughter of James and Sarah Jane Shanks, was born June 2, 1865 in Richmond Township, Huron County, Ohio, and was married in 1889 to Clayton C. Sanford, son of John Sanford of Scipio Township, Seneca County, Ohio. The latter was a descendant in the 9th generation from Thomas Sanford, an English immigrant to New England in the year 1634. Clayton C. Sanford was born in Forest Grove, Mich., on May 1, 1867 and died in Willard, Ohio, Jan. 23, 1924. Their child:

- VII. James Russell, was born Jan. 13, 1891; he was married to Eva Ganzhorn Dec. 7, 1916, and died at Willard, Ohio, Feb. 19, 1942 where he is buried.

Martha Adelia Sanford died in Willard, Ohio, on Oct. 14, 1947 and is buried there in Greenwood Cemetery.

Children of James Russell and Eva Ganzhorn Sanford

- VIII. 1. Stuart Raymond, born June 23, 1918
2. Kenneth Gordon, born July 30, 1921
3. Clayton Philip, born May 1, 1924
4. Ruth Ann, born Feb. 22, 1930

VI. Anna Catherine Shanks, fourth daughter of James and Sarah Jane Shanks, was born in Richmond Township on Oct. 25, 1868. She was married Oct. 15, 1895 to Francis A., son of Isaac and Anna Maria (Foust) Richards, of Huron County. Lives in Willard, Ohio

Children of Francis A. and Anna C. (Shanks) Richards

- VII. 1. Marguerite, born 1896; died at birth.
2. Rosalie, born Apr. 7, 1900; died Apr. 7, 1920. Buried Willard, Ohio
3. Evelyn, born June 22, 1904; was married to Elvis Ellis Apr. 25, 1929
Lives in Willard, Ohio. They have children:

- VIII. 1. Priscilla, born June 5, 1930
2. David, born Dec. 9, 1932
4. Sylvia, born Aug. 4, 1906. Lives in Bowling Green, Ohio
5. Francis Jr., born Apr. 9, 1913; died Mar. 27, 1927.

VI. Arthur James Shanks, fifth child and only son of James and Sarah Jane Shanks, was born Jan. 1, 1873 in Richmond Township. He was unmarried. Was a practicing veterinarian in Shelby, Ohio, where he died on Dec. 23, 1924. Is buried there.

VI. Edith Estella Shanks, sixth child of James and Sarah Jane Shanks, was born in Richmond Township Sept. 25, 1875. She was married to Verne E. Cole on Oct. 13, 1896 and died in New Washington, Ohio, Nov. 7, 1942. Is buried at New Haven, Ohio.

Children of Verne E. and Edith Estella (Shanks) Cole:

VII. Haldon V. born Sept. 13, 1904; was married to Edna L. Wilson on Oct. 27, 1923. Resides in Bucyrus, Ohio. Their children:

VIII. 1. Barbara Jane, born June 8, 1925; was married to Donald Miller Nov. 13, 1943. Their children:

IX. 1. Joseph, born Nov. 23, 1944
2. Mary K., born Dec. 1, 1945
3. Daniel Lee, born Oct. 21, 1950; died Dec. 9, 1950

VIII. 2. William D., born Dec. 16, 1928. Was married to Mary Helen Linn Aug. 13, 1950.
3. Haldon V. Jr., born Sept. 30, 1930

VII. Genevieve, born in Richmond Twp., Huron Co., Ohio, 1911. Is married to Harry Alt and resides R. D. Tiro, Ohio.

Children:

VIII. 1. Donna Jean
2. Ramon LaVern
3. Donald Warren
4. Lowel Lester
5. Ruth Louise
6. Jayne Irene

VII. Virginia E., born June 15, 1919; was married to Paul J. Fike on June 24, 1938. Live New Washington, Ohio. Children:

- VIII. 1. Paul J. II, born May 4, 1939
2. Diane Karen, born Dec. 10, 1940
3. Dennis Vern, born June 16, 1944

VI. Lily Maude, youngest child of James and Sarah Jane Shanks, was born in Richmond Township on July 11, 1881. She was married to Stanley Day on June 30, 1916, who died Feb. 13, 1931. She lives in Tiffin, Ohio
One child:

- VII. 1. Stanley II, born Dec. 17, 1920. Was married Nov. 16, 1947 to Joy Roberta Austin in Miami, Florida, where they live. Have child:

VIII. Stanley Robert Day, born Feb. 18, 1951

V. REBECCA JANE SHANKS (POST).

Born in Tuscarawas County, Ohio, May 4, 1836. Came to Huron County in 1852 with her parents where she in 1856 was married to William B. Post. She died 1911 and is buried at New Haven, Ohio. There are children.

V. CHRISTINA SHANKS MOORE.

Fourth child of David and Catherine (Sherrets) Shanks, was born in Tuscarawas County, Ohio, May 4, 1841. When but a child she moved with her parents to Huron County where in the fall of 1863 she was married to George W. Moore, who died Oct. 29, 1892. Seven children were born to them, two, William and John, having died in childhood.

Children of George W. and Christina Shanks Moore

- VI. 1. Mary, born Nov. 2, 1864; died May 17, 1927. Was married 2/6/1883 to Leonard Nogle, of Richmond Twp. Both are deceased.
2. Charles S., born 1871; was married to Elizabeth Brown. He died June, 1938; she is also deceased.
3. David, Was married to Jennie LaPene, of Fond-du-Lac, Wis. Died in Willard, Ohio, 1928.
4. Ella : b. Dec. 9, 1875; d. May, 1949. Was married to Peter (twins) Jensen who was b. June 22, 1899; d. Oct. 10, 1945
5. Nellie: b. Dec. 9, 1875. Was married to Lee Windbigler, of Ft. Seneca, Ohio. He is deceased. She lives in Willard, Ohio

Christina Moore died June 21, 1905 and is buried at New Haven, Ohio. It is said of Christine and Sarah Ann Shanks that as girls there were no handsomer in Huron County.

Ella Moore Jensen and Peter Jensen had four children, three of whom died in infancy. Remaining child:

- VII. Drucilla Jensen, born Aug. 1, 1901. Lives in Willard, Ohio, with her aunt, Nellie Moore Windbigler.

VI. Children of Leonard and Mary (Moore) Nogle

- VII. 1. George, born Sept. 26, 1888
2. Mina Maude, born Mar. 13, 1890
3. Rose, born Sept. 23, 1891
4. Fred, born Apr. 25, 1894
5. Laura Belle, born July 12, 1898

VII. GEORGE NOGLE was married July 10, 1912 to Gertrude , who was born Jan. 11, 1885. Their children:

- VIII. 1. Frederick, born Jan. 9, 1913; was married to Evelyn King.
IX. Their children are: Virginia, Annieta and Frederick Junior.
VIII. 2. Laura Belle, born Dec. 16, 1915; married to Paul Martin.
IX. Child: Bonnie.
VIII. 3. Viola, born Feb. 19, 1921. Married to Lester Leedy.
IX. Child: Fanya Kay.
VIII. 4. Mary Evelyn, born Jan. 7, 1926; married Bruce Johnson.
IX. Children: Carol Diana, Trudy and Connie Jean.

VII. MINA MAUDE NOGLE, born Mar. 13, 1890, was married Mar. 1, 1910, to Edward Theodore Rang, who was born Dec. 11, 1890. Their children:

- VIII. 1 Lucille Alberta, born Apr. 16, 1915, was married Feb. 1, 1936, to Virgil Hershiser who was born Oct. 17, 1913. Children:
IX. 1. Yvonne Eileen, born Dec. 21, 1936
2. Karl Glenn, born Mar. 19, 1945
3. Darrell Allewa, born Sept. 9, 1948
VIII. 2. Virgil Otis, born Aug. 28, 1918. Died June 1, 1919.
3. Glen Edward, born Nov. 10, 1919; married Joyce Ross May 14, 1949
4. Leo Eldon, born Jan. 14, 1930

VII. ROSE NOGLE, born Sept. 23, 1891; was married to Chester Kline on Dec. 23, 1911. Second marriage was to John William McKeone Oct. 22, 1921. Child of first marriage:

- VIII. Leonard William Kline, born June 15, 1914; was married to Doris Wilkinson on Jan. 30, 1937. Their children:
IX. 1. Carol Ann, born Jan. 31, 1938
2. Vaugh Lee, born July 7, 1941
3. Betty Jean, born Feb. 5, 1947

VII. FRED NOGLE, born Apr. 25, 1894. Unmarried.

VII. LAURA BELLE NOGLE, born July 12, 1898; was married to George O. Foster on Apr. 19, 1917, who was born Feb. 4, 1895. Children:

- VIII. 1. Mayetta Pearl, born Nov. 4, 1918; was married Jan. 21, 1940 to John J. Fackler.
2. Kenneth Lee, born Feb. 4, 1920, was married July 12, 1942, to Mildred Stewart.

V. SARAH ANN SHANKS MOORE.

Fifth child of David and Catherine Sherrets Shanks, was born in 1843(?) in Tuscarawas County, Ohio, and came with her parents to Huron County in 1852. She was married to Henry Moore. They had the following children:

- VI. Olive. Married Fred J. Truxell and lived for many years in Willard, Ohio. Both are deceased.
- Ava M. Born in 1866; died 1921. Was married to Joseph M. Wray who was born in 1856; he is deceased. Adopted daughter: Violet Meyer, of Sandusky, Ohio
- Jennie Belle. Born Sept. 12, 1872; died Dec. 22, 1936. Was married to James Harry Mock January, 1889, who met death in the B. & O. yards at Willard, Ohio. A son is Floyd Mock. Jennie Belle married (2) Frank Aumend.
- Eliza L. Born 1875; died 1946. Was married to Wm. Caldwell who is deceased. Two adopted children one of whom, Willard Caldwell lives in Oxnard, Calif.
- May. Died 1938; is buried at New Haven, Ohio. Was married (1) to Will Adams who is deceased. Was married (2) to Coven McMurdo. No children by either marriage.
- James. Birth date unknown. Was married to Amanda Snyder of Willard, Ohio. Had large family.
- Pearl. Birth date unknown. Is deceased. Has daughter, Mrs. Karl Gieser, of Willard, Ohio.
- William. Lives in New London, Ohio, with wife and children.
- Clessen W. Adopted son, a resident of Brooklyn, N.Y. Married.
- Charles. Lives in Shelby, Ohio
- Edward. Lives near Plymouth, Ohio. Has family.

V. ADAM SHANKS.

Sixth child of David and Catherine Sherrets Shanks, was born in Tuscarawas County, Ohio, in 1844 and came to Huron County when eight years old. He enlisted as a private in the 55th Regiment of Ohio Volunteers during the Civil War and died of pneumonia in camp on March 8, 1862. His sickness was contracted because of exposure of sleeping on the ground after his first day's battle in Kentucky.

His case was a pathetic one. A mere boy, on enlistment he misstated his age as 21 whereas he was but 17 at the time. His military career was a brief one.

V. MARTIN LUTHER SHANKS.

Seventh child and fourth son of David and Catherine Sherrets Shanks, was born in Tuscarawas County, Ohio, on Nov. 1, 1848. He was but four years old when his parents came to Huron County where he grew to manhood. In 1863 during the midst of the Civil War, imbued with patriotic ardor he ran away to Norwalk, Ohio, and enlisted in the Union Army. He was promptly brought back home by his father. In a short time this performance was repeated and he was again brought back home. His father thereupon averred that if the boy ran away a third time he would not be brought back. This is exactly what soon happened. Martin although but 15 at the time, gave his age as 18 and being large for his age was accepted without question

and served until the war's end in the 1st Ohio Heavy Artillery. He was never wounded in action except for a slight scratch where a minie ball grazed his heel. Now, the boy who was so persistent in entering the conflict, at its close returned home a grown man. "One day" said Sarah Jane Shanks to her little daughter Lucy, "I saw a strange young man coming down the road. It was your Uncle Mart." Lucy Shanks, Martin's niece, used to tell how her favorite uncle brought her home from the war a little ring carved out of a gutta percha button.

Not long after Martin L. Shanks' return from the war his parents moved to a farm near the town of Republic, Seneca County, Ohio, and it was while a resident here that Martin determined to become a physician and entered the office of a Dr. Spooner of that place as a medical student and read medicine with him. Here also Martin attended the old Republic Academy then conducted by Prof. J. Fraise Richards where he graduated about 1877. Later he attended medical school in Columbus, Ohio. Soon thereafter he went to Casselton, N.D., where he lived for the remainder of his life. In 1879 he was married to Anna L. Lean, a native of Rockland, Mich., who died Jan. 31, 1910. Dr. M. L. Shanks died in Casselton on May 4, 1904.

Children of Dr. Martin L. and Anna L. Shanks

- VI. 1. Daphne, born Dec. 8, 1880; died 1882
2. Markwell, born Oct. 7, 1882; married Ethel ---. He is deceased.
3. Clytie, born Dec. 7, 1884; married Geo. W. Lambie. died July 16, 1945
4. Vallo, born Feb. 19, 1889; died Mar. 2, 1930 at Moose Jaw, Sask.

Child of George W. and Clytie Lambie

- VII. Margaret Eleanor, born Apr. 8, 1913

V. CATHERINE ANN SHANKS CHAPMAN.

Eighth child of David and Catherine Sherrets Shanks, was born June 14, 1851 and came to Huron County as an infant. She was married to Melvin Chapman on June 4, 1868. She died at Chicago Junction (now Willard), Ohio, on Nov. 9, 1897, where she is buried in Greenwood Cemetery.

(Had 1 daughter and 5 sons.)

V. DAVID MILLER SHANKS.

Youngest child of David and Catherine Sherrets Shanks, was born in Huron County, Ohio, on Mar. 7, 1854. He went West as a young man, spending many years on a farm and on the plains. On Oct. 10, 1882 he was married to Agnes McIntyre in Casselton, N. D., the town wherein lived his brother, Dr. Martin L. Shanks. Agnes McIntyre was born in Bervie, Bruce County, Ontario, on Apr. 12, 1861. She died in 1937.

David M. Shanks taught school, studied law and was admitted to the bar in North Dakota. Later he practiced law in Montana, Washington, Oregon and California. At heart he was a horticulturist and owned ranches and orange groves in Washington and California. He was also a breeder of fancy stock and blooded horses. He died in Los Angeles, Calif., Aug. 18, 1924.

Children of David M. and Agnes McIntyre Shanks

- VI.
1. Edgar Irving, born Nov. 18, 1884 at Mayville, N. D.
 2. Alice, born Sept. 29, 1886, at Salem, Oregon. Was married Dec. 31, 1910, to Harry Coffan.
 3. David Wallace, born Jan. 17, 1889, at Seattle, Wash. Was married Mar. 4, 1922, to Madeline Hedrick. Died Aug. 7, 1929.
 4. Agnes May, born Oct. 23, 1890, at Seattle, Wash. Was married June 1, 1913, to Clarence Van Sant. Died Dec. 19, 1915.
 5. Katherine, born Nov. 23, 1896, at North Yakima, Wash.

Child of Harry and Alice Shanks Coffan

- VII. Betty, born Mar. 19, 1912. Is married to ----Bennett

Child of Clarence and Agnes May Van Sant

- VII. Katherine Gertrude, born June 23, 1914.

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- V. JOHN SHANKS, oldest child of David and Catherine Sherrets Shanks, was born in Tuscarawas County, Ohio, in 1835. He was married to Hannah Fleming. Died in the 1880's and is buried in Bethel Cemetery in Richmond Township, Huron County. Had sons Lincoln and George; probably others--unknown.

Military Service of Sons of David
And Catherine

Adam Shanks, pvt. Co. C, 55th O. V. I. Enlisted Oct. 21, 1861; died in service Mar. 8, 1862. Age 21.

Martin L. Shanks, age 18, Pvt. 1st Ohio Heavy Artillery, enlisted July 21, 1863, Co. M; discharged July 25, 1865.

John Shanks, pvt. 49th Ohio Volunteer Infantry. (No further record)

The above enlistments were from Richmond Township, Huron County. The record was copied from a booklet issued by Rev. W. N. Keesy entitled "History of Richmond Township", a copy of which is in the State Library at Columbus, Ohio.

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REVOLUTIONARY WAR SERVICE OF THOMAS SHANKS

From the Pennsylvania Archives, Fifth Series, Vol. 2:

Page 277. Pennsylvania Rifle Regiment, Col. Samuel Miles, Roll of Captain Casper Weitzel's Company

Sargeant Thomas Shanks

Page 281. A Pay Roll of Capt. Weitzel's Co. June 2, 1776.

Thomas Shanks

Page 290. Muster roll of Capt. Weitzel's Co. in the First Battalion of the Penn'a Regiment of Rifle Men. Camp near King's Bridge 1st. Sept. 1776.

Sargeant Thomas Shanks

Page 295. Muster Roll of Capt. Weitzel's Co. in the first Battalion of the Penn'a Regiment of Rifle Men now under the command of Lieut. Col. Daniel Brodhead Esq. Camp on the Heights of Harlem, the 1st. Oct. 1776.

Sargeant Thomas Shanks

The following quotation is from a letter by H. H. Shank, Archivist of the Penna. State Library and Museum at Harrisburg, Pa., to Mr. Otto P. Shanks:

"The name of Thomas Shanks appears as sergeant in Capt. Casper Weitzel's Company of the Penna. Rifle Regiment. Commanded by Col. Samuel Miles, 1776; enlisted and commissioned Apr. 2, 1776; ensign Dec. 4, 1776 in 10th Pennsylvania Regiment, 1777-1778, cashiered for stealing two pairs of shoes."

These are the only records we find of Thomas Shanks in the War of the Revolution. It is possible that there may be further records of his service in the files of the Adjutant General's office at Washington which will show whether he was reinstated after being cashiered. A man by that name was taxed in York Co. (From a letter from Otto P. Shanks dated Oct. 14, 1934)

A letter from Gen. David Cary Shanks dated Oct. 5, 1934:

"Dear Mr. Blaine:

Mrs. Shanks and I decided in July that we could no longer stand the heat of Washington. We stored our property and just arrived here this morning on a prolonged visit to our daughter and grandchildren. I find your letter of Sept. 21 awaiting me.

Undoubtedly James Shanks of Bedford Co., Pa., was a son of Thomas Shanks of Warrington Township, York Co., Pa., who had service as you describe. You will see that I made no mention of the military service of Thomas Shanks. I preferred omitting any reference to that service because it ended by his being cashiered for stealing 2 pairs of shoes. He served at

Brandywine, Trenton and Valley Forge. At this late date we should not judge him too harshly. If he stole the shoes they were doubtless intended for the use of himself and his son William, both of whom served in the Penna. Rifle Regiment, and I do not feel (if we knew all the facts) that he took them for personal profit.

With all good wishes.

(Signed) DAVID C. SHANKS

Maj. Gen. U.S.A. Retired

Fort. Shafter, Honolulu, T. H.

There is little to add to the sentiments expressed in General Shanks' letter. When we recall the sufferings of the soldiers during the terrible winter of 1777-1778, when they were without adequate shelter, food and clothing, we must exercise every charity in judging what undoubtedly was a slight infraction of army orders in its proper light. Undoubtedly, in this case an example had to be made for disciplinary purposes.

Thomas Shanks in after years became a prominent citizen of Warrington Township and constable. He died in January, 1806, on his plantation on the "Great Conowago Creek" in Warrington Township, York County, Pa.

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HELWIG

Among the prominent early families emigrating to Tuscarawas County from Pennsylvania was that of Helwig, also spelled or corrupted into Hulwich, Hulwich, Hulvah, Helvigh, etc.

We have to do principally with Andrew, or Andreas, Helwig, he who was joined in marriage to Catherine Bader, as some authorities have it, but who was also apparently the husband of Catherine Truck-Miller (Truckenmiller), both being named as the grandparents of Catherine Shanks Myser. Andrew and Catherine (Truckenmiller) were the parents of Christena Helwig who about the year 1812 was married to James Shanks in Tuscarawas County.

It is possible that Catherine Truckenmiller was a second wife of Andrew Helwig. We append a short history of this family.

The Immigrant, Frederick Helwig.

Arrived in Philadelphia Oct. 12, 1741, age 22. On Nov. 11, 1751, took out a warrant for 100 acres of land and on Nov. 28, 1751, another warrant for 25 acres in Philadelphia, of which county Berks was then a part. In 1754 he was taxed in Longswamp Township in Berks County. In 1756 he and his wife were sponsors at a baptism at Longswamp Church. On Jan. 1, 1763, he pledged himself to pay 3 shillings annually toward the pastor's salary, Rev. Michael. In 1767 and 1768 he was taxed on 200 acres of land in Longswamp Township. Frederick Helwig was born in the old country and died in Longswamp Township in 1773. He came to America as a Palatine emigrant in the Ship "Friendship", Alexander Thompson, master, "from Rotterdam, last from Cowes".

Abstracts of Berks County Wills, Vol. 1, page 173:

Will was dated Sept. 18, 1771; proved June 5, 1773. Names are:
Son ADAM, 300 acres of land.
Son ANDREAS, right and title to two pieces of land I bought of Adam Helwig, my brother, Oct. 27, 1761.
Son ADAM shall pay
Daughter ELIZABETH, wife of Johannes Haas, and she shall have my rights in a piece of land of 30 acres.
Son ADAM, executor. Witnesses: MICHAEL NITTRAUER and PETER BUTZ.

Brothers of Frederick, the Immigrant, arrived in America as follows:

Carl	Oct. 25, 1748
Adam	Sept. 9, 1749
Johann Jacob	Aug. 15, 1750

Children of Frederick Helwig, the Immigrant

ADAM,	born 1746; died 1822. Served in Revolutionary War.
ANDREAS (Andrew)	born about 1748, probably in Longswamp Township in Berks County. Died 1837 in Wayne County, Ohio

ELIZABETH, "wife of Johannes Haas". No further information.

Children of Andreas (Andrew) Helwig.

1. George, born Nov. 12, 1779; came to Ohio from Northumberland Co., Penna., and settled in Jefferson County in 1800. Was married to Mary Barbara ---- who was born May 10, 1786 and died Nov. 18, 1860. George died Apr. 20, 1845. Buried in Broad Run Cemetery, between Dover and Winfield, Ohio. Marker in cemetery. Were residents of Dover Twp., Tuscarawas Co. Lutheran and Puritan in faith and customs.
2. Andreas Jr. Born in Pennsylvania, date unknown. Was married to Katherine Brenner of Sunbury, Pa., daughter of Ludwig Brenner and Catherine Elizabeth Helwig. Married (2) Catherine Berg. According to the records of Northumberland County, because of "an unfortunate difference of opinion" between Andrew Jr. and his wife, he sold out his rights to her property to John Martin. According to Dr. Chas. A. Fisher, of Selinsgrove, Pa., who investigated the matter, Andrew Jr. must have become reconciled with his wife, as no further trace of them exists in the county records. This son evidently later went to Tuscarawas County, Ohio, as we find him there in 1832 the grantee of property transferred to him by his mother from the estate of his deceased father. Date and place of death are unknown.
3. Catherine Elizabeth, born in Penna; was married to Francis Ludwig Brenner and (2) to Charles Straub Jr. Further data unknown.
4. Benjamin, born Feb. 24, 1786, in Hamburg, Pa. Proof: confirmation certificate. Was married to Mary Mizer, daughter of Adam Mizer of Coshocton Co., Ohio. She was born June 16, 1788 and died June 27, 1866. Benjamin died Feb. 24, 1864 and is buried in Old Cemetery on Fourth St., Dover, Ohio. There were ten children. Benjamin Helwig in his early years was a noted hunter, coming into eastern Ohio from Pennsylvania with the first tide of settlement around 1808. He acquired much land in the SW part of Tuscarawas County where he was a prominent and respected citizen.
5. Susannah, born in Pennsylvania about 1788. Came to Ohio with her parents and was married to Joseph Keiser of Wayne County. She died after 1860 and is buried in the cemetery near Reedsburg, Ohio. Memories yet remain with her descendants by tradition of the sweetness of disposition of "Grossmommie", Susannah Helwig Keiser, who lived near Paintsville and to whose home her grandchildren and their mother, a young widow, would go for consolation.
6. Christena, born Apr. 12, 1794 in Berks Co., Pa. Was married to James Shanks, from Somerset Co., Pa., on Sept. 5, 1813, in Tuscarawas Co. She died Feb. 6, 1877 and is buried in Evans Creek Lutheran cemetery at Bakersville, Ohio. Date of death of husband

and his place of burial are unknown. Christena spent her last days with her youngest daughter, Mariah Shanks Shannon, in Bucks Township, Tuscarawas Co., Ohio

Further details on Christena Helwig Shanks appear in the main part of this work.

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Among those persons who have given most valuable assistance in collecting data on the Helwig Family are Mr. Lloyd C. M. Hare, of Richmond, Calif., and Edith Helwig Rohde, formerly of Orlando, Florida, and Toledo, Ohio, now deceased. Mr. Hare was instrumental in establishing the fact that his ancestor, Susannah Helwig Keiser, was a sister of Christena Helwig Shanks, thus doing much to round out a most interesting genealogical quest. Mr. Hare has presented the following facts:

"My great-great-grandmother's name (maiden) was Susannah Helwig. She was born about 1788 in Pennsylvania and married Joseph Keiser of Wayne County, Ohio. Their daughter Catherine Keiser married my ancestor John Hare. A fellow-townsmen was Samuel Shull with whom John Hare had dealings. John Hare had a son Andrew.

Douglas' History of Wayne County, Ohio, (1878) at page 579 in re Paint Township says that among the early settlers were Samuel Shull and Frederick Shull. The first election was held in 1826 and Frederick Shull was a candidate for Justice of the Peace. The result was a tie, whereupon the aspirants cast lots. Shull lost. On page 585 the history says that Samuel Shull kept the first tavern in Mt. Eaton (Paint Twp.)

Susannah Helwig Keiser spoke only German. My grandfather and his brothers would hitch up the horse and wagon whenever their mother (a young widow) felt lonely or blue and they would ride over to visit "grossmommie" who was dearly beloved by the family. I have a letter written by Grossmommie's daughter in old age wherein she writes that if she could be as sweet as grossmommie was she would be glad to grow old, otherwise she would prefer not to live too long and be cranky.

Mrs. Rohde gives a record of Benjamin, son of Andreas, "Born Feb. 24, 1786, baptized soon after by Pastor Hertzell. Sponsors: Nicholas Bader and Calhay Luchenbin, both unmarried. Parents: Andreas Helwig and Catharin Bader Helwig. Hamburg, Windsor Township, Berks Co., Pa. Confirmed. Ev. Reformed Church. Pastor Jacob Winter in 1809."

My ancestor, Joseph Keiser, who married Susannah Helwig, lived and married in Jefferson Co., Ohio, around 1808. His daughter Catherine who married John Hare was born about 1809.

George Helwig was of Archer Township, Jefferson County, 10/1/1806."

In a letter dated Jan. 24, 1944, from Orlando, Florida, Mrs. Rohde said:

"I have been doing some research work for the past several years.

I am a granddaughter of Adam Helwig, a Lutheran minister, the son of Benjamin Helwig, the son of Andreas Helwig and he the son of Frederick Helwig of Longswamp Twp., Berks Co., Pa.

Two sons of Andreas, George and Benjamin, came to Ohio early in 1800 and I have the record of these two brothers. My parents lived in Dover, Ohio, when I was a little girl and two sisters were born there, and I used to visit two aunts and uncles there in my early life; but at that time was not interested in trying to remember what I did hear or try to learn more.

One of my uncles had a photograph gallery and I therefore have a number of pictures of the family; also the confirmation certificate of Benjamin which reads as follows: (The text of the paper is given above in the notes from Mr. Hare. HSB)...

He must have been married around this same time as his oldest son, Samuel Helwig, was born Dec. 4, 1810. Benjamin married Mary (Maria) Mizer, the daughter of Adam Mizer of Coshocton County.

We found the record of the Bader estate which was settled without a will; recorded in Orphans Court record, 1753-1792. Here we find recorded Nov. 12, 1783, page 163: George Bader, eldest son of Conrad Bader of Maxatony, deceased (lately died) leaving a widow and eight children: George, Nicholas, Conrad, Barbara (wife of George Shoffer) or Scheffer), Mary, the wife of Henry Shoffer, Elizabeth, wife of Martin Krercher, Catherine, the wife of Andreas Helwig and Christian (Christina?), the wife of Christian Ranenzahn or Ranezahn.

I lived in Toledo until two years ago when I came to Orlando. Mr. Rohde and I built the house at Inwood and Monroe. Mr. Rohde was killed in 1937.

Mr. Hare mentioned a record in an old history of Tuscarawas Co. that "Mrs. Helwig, mother of Benjamin", was born between 1760 and 1770. She is referred to as one of the oldest inhabitants of the county. We know that the mother of Benjamin, Catherine Bader Helwig, was married before 1779, as that is the year George was born and she could hardly be the mother of Elizabeth Helwig Hammer who Mr. Hare writes was born June 6, 1776 near Hamburg. The records of the church in Hamburg (Lutheran) were burned a number of years ago when the church was burned. That is what they told me in Hamburg in 1937."

Military and Land Records of ANDREW HELWIG

"Andrew Helwig, joiner, was taxed 1784 in Berks County on 2 cattle, 4 sheep, and family consisted of four persons. In 1785 the amount of his tax was 5 shillings.

On Dec. 10, 1793, there were surveyed to Andrew Helwig in Berks County 400 acres of land. He appears to have been a man of some means, for besides the foregoing record we have the following:

"Warrantees of Land. Northumberland Co. 400 acres, Andrew Helwig, Nov. 18, 1793."

Huntingdon Co. 400 acres, Andrew Helwig, Apr. 10, 1794."

Also on tax list for 1784, Brunswick Twp., Schuylkill Co., we find Andrew Helwig taxed on 125 acres of land.

The "Pennsylvania Archives, 6th Series, Volume 11, page 601," shows:

"York Co., in service in the Jerseys from Sept. 1776 to Jan. 1777:

Andrew Helwig

S H E R R E T S

Among the earliest families to come into the Ohio country shortly after the year 1800 was that of the Sherrets. They came to the new counties of Jefferson, Tuscarawas and Carroll, finally settling in Tuscarawas, a portion of which was later set off as a township in Carroll. The family name is found in various spellings such as Sherrod, Sherrods, Sherritz, Sherts, etc., but in the present work we use the name as spelled by Adam himself and as graven on his tombstone in Zion Cemetery, Sherrets. It is believed that Adam Sherrets and his brother William came into the new country as early as 1811, although from the evidence of later census records it might appear that they were there at an earlier time. There is a tradition in the Shanks family that "the old forest ranger, Jacob Sherrets," came into the beautiful Ohio country on hunting and trapping expeditions and became so enamored of the fair valley of the Tuscarawas that he determined to move his family there from Pennsylvania, which he did at the earliest opportunity.

It is said that Adam Sherrets and his brother William bought 600 acres of land in Carroll County about 1814. William's descendants have seemed to spell the family name as Sherrod, although his widow in her will wrote her name "Mary A. Shorts". At this time it is not known with certainty from what Pennsylvania county the the Sherrets came directly to Ohio.

Adam Sherrets, father of Catherine Sherrets who married David Shanks in New Philadelphia, Ohio, in 1812 or 1813, is shown by the 1820 U. S. Census to have been living in that year in One Leg Township, Tuscarawas County, with wife and a numerous family. This township later became a part of Carroll County. The maiden name of Adam's wife was Catherine Miller.

At this point we turn our attention to the history of the Sherrets (Sherretz) family from the first immigrant, Arnold Scherrets, who came to America in 1754. We acknowledge our indebtedness for this data to Anna Andreas (Mrs. Paul) Wentink, of Detroit, Mich., a descendant of Sarah Sherrets, a sister of Catherine, who married her ancestor, John Andreas, in 1834. Mrs. Wentink has devoted several years to the quest for family lore on the Sherrets and allied families and is continuing to do so in a constant effort to perfect her data.

The following is from the York County Historical Collections, York Co., Penna., from U. S. Census records, land records, wills, etc., and similar records of Frederick County, Md., as well as from data furnished by Mrs. Shirk of Harrisburg, Penna., and Mr. Nelson Sharrets, of Gettysburg, Pa.

INFORMATION CONCERNING THE IMMIGRANT, ARNOLD SCHERRETZ (Chearharts, Charrets, Sharretz, Sherrets, etc., WHO WAS THE PROGENITOR OF THE YORK COUNTY SHERRETS FAMILY. Signed his name as SCHERRETS and not as SCHERRETZ, as some records have it.

Arnold Scherrets arrived at Philadelphia on Sept. 30, 1754, on the Ship Neptune from Rotterdam. Was next found in 1769 in the tax bill of Hanover Township (east end) of Lancaster County, now Dauphin and Lebanon Counties. In 1770 he was an overseer of the Poor and in 1772 owned 100 acres of land, 2 horses and 2 cows. In 1779 he appears for the first time on tax lists of Mannheim Twp., York Co., and from then on until his death in 1786 was a resident there. His will dated Feb. 10, 1786, proved Feb. 22, 1786, found in York Co. Will Book G, pages 78 and 277, mentions his wife (1) Catherine; (2) oldest son Jacob who seems not to have lived in York Co.; (3) Conrad; and (4) Ludwig. He also had a son John not mentioned in the will but in a prior land record.

The family shapes up as shown on next page.

Known Children	Born	Died	Married
JACOB	c. 1740 (a Jacob Sherret m. 1763 Elizabeth Rausch in East Hanover, Dauphin Co. Possibly could be Jacob of Northumberland, now Snyder Co.)	after 1786	
CONRAD			11/10/1772 Mary Margaret Laird by Rev. C. Stoever in E. Hanover, Dauphin Co.
JOHN		Inventory listed 1816, Frederick Co. Md.	(1) Elizabeth Keefer, dau. B. Keefer (2) Catherine Crouse by 6/8/1793
LUDWIG		circ. 12/8/1791 or 1/7/1792	circ. 1780 Margaret Kiefer, dau. Bartholomew Kiefer, alias Tonneilleur.

Listed in the Stoever marriages for Dauphin and Lebanon Counties were a Daniel Sherretz, m. 4/25/1769 Maria Catherine Meyer; and Christopher Sherretz, m. 12/8/1771 Magdalena Rousch. Men by these names appeared also in Northumberland Co.

Of this family Jacob, the oldest child, seems not to have lived in York. He, or a Jacob and a Christopher, appear for one year only on the York tax rolls and could well be the men found later in Northumberland Co. Conrad was married to Mary Margaret Laird and lived in Mannheim Twp., York Co., and in Frederick Co., Md. Those of his children found in baptismal records are:

1. Catherine Elizabeth, b. 1/26/1776; bap. 2/24/1776
2. John Philip " 8/1/1783
3. Mary Margaret " 8/29/1785
4. Barbara " 6/26/1787

Conrad in the 1790 U. S. Census was listed in Mannheim Twp. York Co. as having 3 males under 16 and a total of 4 females. In 1783 he was listed as having 7 people. The gap between his daughter's birth 1776 and his son's in 1783 is to be noted. It seems that he was in Maryland at least a part of that time--just the period of the birth of "our Adam", as he is termed by Mrs. Wentink, referring to Adam Sherrets, of Carroll Co., the father of Catherine and Sarah Sherrets. In July, 1794 Conrad took out a warrant for 400 acres of land in Northumberland Co. but never followed through on it. This land later appeared in the name of Daniel Sherrets. About 1801 Conrad began to sell off his land in York County and evidently moved away.

John married Elizabeth Kiefer, just where is unknown, but land records of Frederick Co., Md., prove he was the son-in-law of Bartholomew Kiefer, a French Huguenot who had fled to Germany and changed his name from Tonneilleur

to Kiefer (Keefer, Keffer, etc.) After Elizabeth died John married Catherine Crouse June 8, 1793. For a time he lived in York County and also in Westminster, now in Carroll Co., Md. In the 1800 Census for Westminster he was listed as having 1 son between the ages of 16-26. (Could this be "our Adam?") John was a very large landholder but in the Frederick County records the only reference to his estate was the inventory for what appeared to be a distillery filed in 1816. The local Clerk of Courts felt that John had died outside of Frederick or Carroll County and that search should be made elsewhere for his will or Probate records. He did not appear in the Census of 1810.

Ludwig also married a Keefer girl, Margaret. His will was dated Dec. 8, 1791 and was proven Jan. 7, 1792. His children were as follows:

1. Margaret
2. Elizabeth
3. Frederick, b. 4/15/1784; d. 4/15/1841, York Co.
4. Catherine
5. John Ludwig (posthumous) b. 5/11/1792

Frederick (3 above) was the ancestor of Mr. Nelson Sharretts, now living in Gettysburg, Pa. and most of the Sharretts who now live in York County, Pa. and in Maryland. The Sharretts contacted in Baltimore by Mrs. Wentink said their ancestor came from near Carlisle, Pa.

A Ludwig Sherrard appeared briefly in Stark Co., Ohio, circ. 1813. Most of the foregoing were doctors or ministers.

A Mr. Ransom Sherretz, of Honolulu, Hawaii, has been collecting data on the Sherretz, Sherrets families. His great-grandfather, John Sherretz, came from Knoxville, Tenn., to Illinois, but could never be traced beyond Knoxville. Early Knoxville records show an estate for John Sherretz being filed about 1820 with Coonroyd Sherretz as executor. If this is John, son of Arnold, it would explain the absence of his Probate records from Frederick Co., Md. It seems probable that Coonroyd could have been his brother Conrad, or his son Conrad. Most of these Sherretz seem to have come North.

Further References to Arnold Sherretz

Deed in Lancaster Co., Pa.:

From George and Catherine Miller to Arnold Sherrerttz of Hanover, Twp.
Dated May 26, 1768. Four lots with buildings, etc., in town of Lebanon.

Lancaster County at that time included Hanover Township which is now in Dauphin County, and the town of Lebanon which is now the county-seat of Lebanon County.

No evidence found of Arnold Sherretz' first purchase of land or that he ever moved to Lebanon. He was taxed in E. Hanover Twp. (now Dauphin Co.) in 1769, 1770, 1771 and 1772. Was overseer of the poor in 1770. His son Conrad married while there, as did a Jacob, Daniel and Christopher Scheretz. Next found was on a tax list for 1779 in Mannheim Twp., York Co. Through church and land records and his will filed Feb. 22, 1786, we know that he had sons Jacob, (called the eldest) Conrad, John and Ludwig.

John and Ludwig married daughters of Bartholomew Kieffer of Frederick Co., Md. As early as Feb. 24, 1776, Catherine Elizabeth Sherretz, daughter of Conrad and Margaret Sherretz, was baptized in St. Matthew's Lutheran Church

in Hanover, York Co., with John and Elizabeth (Kieffer) Sherretz as sponsors. The next birth recorded for Conrad and Margaret was John Philip on Aug. 1, 1783, after a 7-year interval.

No land records were found by Mrs. Wentink in Somerset County. However, a search of the assessors' township tax lists which began in 1803 (altho the county was formed in 1795) disclosed that :

A widow Shortz was listed in Southampton Twp., Somerset Co., from 1803 thru 1807. In 1808 same township there were an Adam, a Christian Sr. and Jr. Stortz appearing and a single freeman, George as well as a Henry Shurtz. Unfortunately, the tax lists for the years 1808 and 1810 were lost; but by 1811 the above were missing from the records.

SHARRETT, SHERRETT, SHARROT, JARRET, Etc., Etc.

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TAX LIST, Penn Twp., Northumberland (now Snyder) County, Pa.

1776 Jacob Sharrots was taxed with 100 acres, 92 acres unimproved, 6 under cultivation, 2 horses and 2 cows.

Stophel Sharrots was taxed with 100 acres, 82 unimproved, 1 horse, 2 cows. (This name does not appear again and I believe he was the father of Jacob).

1778 Jacob Sharret had property valued at £82. (Vol. 19, page 414) Penna. Archives, 3rd Series.

Michael Sharret was taxed on a valuation of £ 22, 13 shillings. (I believe he was a brother of Jacob). This name seems not to appear again.

1781 Jacob Sherrit was taxed with 50 acres, 2 horses, 2 cows. (Vol.19,pg.454)

1782 Jacob Sherrett " " " " " " " " 503)

1784 Jacob Sharritt " " " 130 " " " " 572)

1785 Jacob Sheretz " " " 200 " " " " 604)

1786 Jacob Sharrotts " " " 200 " " " " 665)

1787 Jacob Sharerts " " " 100 " " " " 740)

LAND WARRANTS

On 5/8/1789 Jacob Sherritz received warrants for the survey of three parcels of land in Northumberland Co., Pa., size 37, 50 and 26 acres.

On 8/20/1792 Jacob Sherrit received a warrant for 200 acres in Northumberland Co., Pa.

On 8/20/1792 Daniel Sherrit received a warrant for 300 acres in Northumberland Co. (Probably a brother or son).

BERKS COUNTY, PA., TAX RECORDS.

1784 Jacob Sharetime, non-resident, owned 75 acres in Rockland Twp.

1785 " " , presumably a non-resident, was taxed 5£, 8 shillings, in Maxatawny Twp.

DEEDS AT SUNBURY, NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY, PA.:

6/7/1777 Jacob Sherets, schoolmaster of Penn Twp., sold some land to Simon Seap.

11/25/1801 Jacob Sherers, schoolmaster, bought land of George Eslinger in Northumberland County.

U. S. CENSUS OF 1790:

JACOB SHARRETT lived in Beaver (taken from western part of Penn) Twp., Northumberland Co., Pa., and his family consisted of four males over 16 years, three males under 16 and five females. (This seems to indicate that in 1790 he had six sons and four daughters.)

No record of the death of Jacob Sharret (in any spelling) can be located in Northumberland County, or in Union or Snyder Counties, which were formed from Northumberland. I am positive that some of the sons of Jacob Sharret were:

JACOB JARRETT (9/14/1769-6/28/1850) m. Catherine, daughter of George Ott, Rev. soldier.

REV. FREDERICK SHARRET (9/6/1781-2/26/1845) m. Catherine, daughter of Nicholas Gaugler, Rev. soldier.

ADAM SHERRETTS (6/22/1779-3/22/1849) m. Catherine Miller (6/11/1782-7/21/1861)

ERSKINE JARRETT, 14090 Mark Twain Ave., Detroit, Mich., is a descendant of Jacob Jarrett (1769-1850). He is much interested and has prepared a chart of the descendants of Jacob, 1769-1850. I assisted him to a certain extent. Some of the descendants of Rev. Fred Sharrett live in Bloomsburg, Pa.

REVOLUTIONARY SERVICE:

JACOB SHARRIT (various spellings) was First Lieutenant, 4th Company, 4th Battalion, Northumberland County Militia, during part of the Revolutionary period. (Vol. 8, page 660, Fifth Series, Pennsylvania Archives.)

CONCLUSIONS:

The name of Jacob Sharret (or Jarrett) was found in a variety of spellings in the original records, thus making him more difficult and elusive.

Some of his descendants use the name of JARRETT (descendants of Jacob, 1769-1850).

Descendants of Rev. Frederick commonly use the name of SHARRETT.

Descendants of ADAM seem to use the name of SHERRETS or SHERROD.

Descendants of Jacob Jarrett (1769-1850) live in Snyder and adjoining counties in Penna. One large group lives in Lycoming County, others went to Ohio, especially those of Catherine Jarrett, daughter of Jacob, who married John Sassaman and migrated to Ohio, probably Summit or Portage Counties.

Some of the descendants of Rev. Frederick Sharrett live in the vicinity of Bloomsburg, Columbia County, Pa.

JACOB SHARRITT, schoolmaster, seems not to have died in either Snyder, Union or Northumberland Counties of Penna. I have not searched the records at Blommsburg, Columbia County, Pa. He might have died with his son Frederick.

Jacob Jr. may have been his oldest son.

Jacob Sr. must have been born around 1745 and died after 1801 because he was, seemingly, still living in what is now Snyder County in 1801 (see land purchase). Further study of land transfer records at Lewisburg, Pa., might give additional data.

MIGRATION DATA:

Many people from Snyder (formerly a part of Northumberland and later of Union County) migrated to various parts of Ohio. The Morriss, the Meisers, Smiths, Reeds, Wiants and others, all lived in this county before migrating. The Cummings, Millers and Hufnagles also lived here. The Witmers, Fishers, Overmires, Woodlings, Herrollds, Klines, Fochts, Morriss, Meyers (Moyers) and many others from this county migrated to various parts of Ohio.

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Having now canvassed the Sherrets (Sherrets, etc.) families of Pennsylvania up to approximately the year 1800, we now turn our attention to the chief subject of this paper, Adam Sherrets and his descendants, in the Ohio counties of Tuscarawas and Carroll.

Adam was married to Catherine Miller about the year 1800. The children in the order of their birth were as follows: Christene, John, George, Elizabeth, Molly, Jacob, Sarah, Catherine, Adam Jr., Rebecca, Mary, Ann and Hannah. The last child was born in 1831. The family lived in One Leg Township in Tuscarawas County, which territory later became a part of Orange Township in Carroll County. Here follow the essential facts concerning each child insofar as known.

CHRISTENE, born Feb. 3, 1802 in Ohio. Was married June 26, 1821, to Jacob Wyant, one of the first settlers in the S.W. part of Jefferson Twp. in Tuscarawas County, locating in the N. part of Sec. 25. He was from Harrison County. When nearly 80 years of age left Ohio for Oregon where he died within a year of his arrival. Christene died Dec. 26, 1878 and is buried in Cross Roads Cemetery, between Evans Creek and Stone Creek.

JOHN, born Feb. 28, 1803 in Ohio. Was married to Elizabeth Berg Mar. 18, 1824. The 1850 US Census shows him living in Monroe Twp. in Carroll Co. and in 1860 in New Cumberland, Tuscarawas Co. In 1850 had 3 sons, 4 daughters at home, all minors; by census of 1860 John Jr., Jacob, Henry and Sally were not at home; leaving still at home Mary Ann (18), Sarah E. (15) and Lucinda (12). In 1844 John Sherrets entered into an agreement with his father, Adam Sherrets, for the sale of one-half of the property purchased by him (John) the previous December from John Stoneman (96 acres of land and a grist and sawmill), said property located in Carroll County. Agreement was signed by Adam Sherrets, Katharine Sherrets, his wife; John Sherrets and his brothers and sisters as heirs, together with their respective spouses. John is said to have sold off his property and moved West after 1860.

GEORGE, born Nov. 21, 1804 in Ohio. Was married to Elizabeth Hawk (Mary E.). He died Aug. 25, 1874 and is buried in Evans Creek Lutheran Cemetery, as is also his wife. She died Apr. 21, 1876. In same cemetery are buried two of George's sons: Daniel Sherrets (1831-1902); Peter Sherrets (1840-1907); and Peter's wife, Elizabeth S. (1844-1926).

ELIZABETH, born Apr. 1, 1807 in Ohio. Was married 1826(?) to Adam Pearch. She died Nov. 11, 1887 and is buried in Zion Cemetery near Sherrodsville, Ohio, as is also her husband. No data on children.

MOLLY, born Feb. 11, 1809 in Ohio. Was married to Daniel Ridenour prior to 1850, for in this year she is shown as the wife of Daniel Ridenour, living in Jefferson Twp. in Tuscarawas Co., her age being given as 41. Apparently her husband had been married before, as in Evans Creek Cemetery is the grave of Suzanne Ridenour, wife of Daniel, born Feb. 1, 1802--died Apr. 11, 1848. In the year 1850 there were living in the Ridenour home seven children with ages ranging from 7 to 26; also John Sherret, age 22, a nephew of Molly's. Molly died Sept. 13, 1872 and is buried in Cross Roads Cemetery, as is also her stepson, Moses Ridenour, (1831-1909); and Moses' wife Catherine, (1833-1900). Daniel seems to have been buried beside his first wife, Suzanne, in Evans Creek Cemetery.

Daniel Ridenour in 1827 came to Jefferson Twp. from Jefferson Co., Ohio, and settled at Stone Creek, filing in the south part of Sec. 18. He was a German from Pennsylvania. (born in Virginia). Was a blacksmith who found time to assist his neighbors at this trade. Was a Lutheran. Later moved to Evans Creek.

JACOB, born Feb. 18, 1811, in Ohio. Was married Oct. 7, 1833 to Elizabeth Thompson. He died Nov. 20, 1888 and is buried in the Stone Creek Cemetery, as is his wife. Beside them is the grave of their son's wife, Emily, wife of Benjamin Sherrets, who evidently remarried and is buried beside his 2nd wife, Bethiah, in a newer part of the same cemetery. (Benjamin was b. 1844; d. 1915. Bethiah b. 1841; d. 1912). Elizabeth Thompson is thought to have been a sister of James Thompson who married Mary Sherrets, sister of Jacob.

We have record of a deed from Benjamin Helwig covering NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 21, Twp. 7, R. 4, in Bucks Twp. to Jacob Sherrets dated Apr. 25, 1835. Apparently this marks the time of removal to the vicinity of Stone Creek. In 1880 Jacob Sherrets was living with his wife in Philipsburg, Tuscarawas Co.

SARAH, born Mar. 26, 1813 in Ohio. Was married Oct. 9, 1834 to John Andreas in Carroll Co., Ohio. He was of French-Huguenot descent, son of Peter Andreas who came to Tuscarawas County from Northampton Co., Pa., by 1807 and married Nancy Ann Miller in New Philadelphia on Sept. 28, 1811. Sarah Sherrets was born in Carrollton, Ohio. She died Jan. 16, 1891. In the Carroll County marriage records it is stated that "John Andrews married Sarah Sherrett"

For further information on on descendants of Sarah and John Andreas see following pages.

CATHERINE, born July 12, 1815, in Ohio; was married to David Shanks on Aug. 21, 1834; died 1889 in Huron Co., Ohio, and is buried in Bethel Cemetery in Richmond Twp., same county, beside her husband who died in 1886. David Shanks was the father of James Shanks, the principal subject of these notes. Full family data will be found on other pages.

ADAM, born Oct. 18, 1817, in Carroll Co., Ohio. Was married to Elizabeth Eick (b. New Jersey 4/5/1818) on Apr. 19, 1838. He died Mar. 17, 1851 and is buried in Stone Creek Cemetery where also is buried his infant son Milo who died in 1847. Elizabeth (Eick) Sherrets remarried to one Dilley. She died in 1892. On Sept. 8, 1854 John Eick was appointed as guardian for the two minor children of Adam: Eli, age 11 on Sept. 20, 1854; and Mary Ann, age 7 on Aug. 7, 1854. John Eick is thought to have been a brother of Elizabeth (Eick) Sherrets-Dilley. Adam's children: Levi, b. 1839; Milo, b. 1841; Eli, b. 1844; Mary Ann, b. 1847 and Peter E., b. 1850 were all born in Orange Township in Carroll County.

Further notes on descendants of Eli will be found in following pages. (See Appendix)

REBECCA, born Feb. 23, 1820 in Ohio. Was married to David Shoup. They were signers of the elaborate property agreement between Adam Sherrets Sr. and his son John of May 17, 1858. Evidently removed from Carroll Co. before this time as David is said to have been one of the first of the Carroll County clan to emigrate to Huron Co. Further history unknown.

MARY, born Jan. 18, 1822 in Carroll County. Was married 1842 to James Thompson. She died 1886 and is buried in Bethel Cemetery, Richmond Twp., Huron Co. In 1850 was living in Auburn Twp., Tuscarawas Co., with husband, minor children: William (4) and Catherine (2); mother, Catherine Sherrets, age 62; and sisters: Ann (25) and Hannah (20). Apparently after the death of Adam Sherrets Sr. in 1849 the widow went to live with the Thompsons and died in 1861. Subsequently James Thompson and family went to Huron Co. He is buried in same cemetery as his wife.

ANNE, born Jan. 15, 1824 in Carroll Co. Was unmarried. Died May 4; 1857 and is buried in Stone Creek Cemetery beside the grave of her mother. In 1850 was living with her sister, Mary Thompson, and her husband James in Auburn Twp. in Tuscarawas Co.

HANNAH, born May 28, 1831 in Carroll Co. Was married to Henry Gutterig which name was later changed to Keedy. They were signers of the property agreement of May 17, 1858. Place of burial and other data unknown. In Census of 1860 Hannah was living with husband in New Cumberland, Ohio, with minor children: William A. (5); Catherine (4); and Christian (2) (Warren Twp., Tuscarawas Co.)

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Notes on Descendants

Molly Ridenour. 1850 Census Jefferson Twp., showed Daniel, 50; Molly, 41; Moses, 20; Elizabeth, 17; Belinda, 14; Samuel, 13; Isaac, 10; Benton, 7; John Sherret, 22; and John Redenour, 26.

John Sherrets. 1850 Census Monroe Twp., Carroll Co.; 1860 in New Cumberland, Tuscarawas Co. John age 49; Elizabeth (wife) age 41; John Jr. 20; Jacob (17); Sally 15; Henry 15; Mary Ann 9; Sarah E. 7 and Lucinda 3. John Sherrets was in Bucks Twp., Tuscarawas Co. in 1830.

Jacob Sherrets. In 1850 was in Jefferson Twp., Tuscarawas Co. In 1860 was in same locality.

In 1880 (D.A.R.) Microfilm. Philipsburg, Tusc. Co. In 1850 Jacob was age 39; Elizabeth (called Mary) wife, 40; Catherine 10, Lavina 9; May (or Mary) 7; Benjamin 5; Hezekiah (age not listed); Sarah 4; Martha 1/ 12. (Census of 1860 gives this last as Mary E.)

The 1880 Census for Jefferson Twp. lists family of Benjamin Sherrets, son of the foregoing Jacob, with family as follows: Benjamin age 36; wife Bethia 39; Clara 11; Jacob 9; Elizabeth 8; William 7; John W. 4; and Savilla 2.

Sarah Andreas. Had son William Andreas who married Mary Ann Wallick, daughter of George and Mary (Knestrick) Wallick; grand-dau. of Benjamin and Mary (Rice) Wallick and Frederick and Margaret (Detwiler) Knestrick; great-grand-dau. of Zachariah and Abigail (Hartman) Rice; gr.gr.gd. dau of Johannes and Margaret (Moses) Hartman of Pikeland, Chester Co., Pa.

Benjamin Andreas, father of Anna Andreas Wentink, married Ellen Finzer of Sugar Creek, Ohio, dau. of Frederick and Anna (Messer) Finzer; gd. dau. of Benedict and Anna (Koch) Finzer and Jacob and Anna (Lichty) Messer; gr.gr.gd.dau. of Niclaus and Anna (Mori) Finzer, of Berne, Switzerland.

LAND AGREEMENT BETWEEN JOHN SHERRETS AND ADAM SHERRETS

JOHN SHERRETS: Articles of agreement made and entered into this fourteenth
 : day of December in the Year of Our Lord Eighteen hundred and
 TO : forty-four by and between John Sherrets (son) of the County
 : of Carroll & State of Ohio of the first part & Adam Sherrets
 ADAM SHERRETS : (Father) of the County and State aforesaid, of the other part,
 : as follows, to wit: First the said John Sherrets of the first
 part agrees to sell, release & confirm unto the said Adam
 Sherrets of the second part the one half of all the property and real estate,
 the said John purchased of John Stoneman on the thirteenth day of December
 instant including Ninety-six Acres of land with a Grist & Sawmill & other build-
 ings and improvements thereon with all the appurtenances thereunto belonging
 for which real estate and other property as above described the said Adam
 Sherrets has paid unto the said John Sherrets before the ensealing and delivery
 of this article, the full sum of Fifteen Hundred Dollars lawful money of the
 United States, being the consideration money in full as per agreement and the
 said John Sherrets doth hereby acknowledge the receipt thereof and doth forever
 acquit the said Adam Sherrets from the same, - and it is further agreed between
 the said John Sherrets and Adam Sherrets that the said John Sherrets shall
 have the use of all the property purchased and paid for as above stated so long
 as the said Adam Sherrets and his wife or either of them are living and for the
 use of the property as above stated the said John Sherrets shall pay unto the
 said Adam Sherrets or his wife, as the case may be, a yearly rent in the follow-
 ing manner: Sixth Dollars on or before the third day of April, A.D. 1846;
 Seventy-two Dollars on or before the third day of April, A.D. 1847 and Eighty-
 four Dollars on the third day of April, 1848 and afterwards a yearly rental of
 Ninety Dollars to be paid yearly so long as the said Adam Sherrets and his wife,
 or either of them, are living and in addition thereto the said John Sherrets
 obligates himself to furnish a comfortable dwelling house, milk house, garden
 and pasture for two cows for the use of said Adam Sherrets and family so long as
 the said Adam Sherrets and his wife, or either of them, are living; and the
 said Adam Sherrets shall also have fruit for the use of his family if there is
 much growing on said premises, so long as either of them is living. And after
 the death of Adam Sherrets and his wife, the said John Sherrets shall pay unto
 the lawful heirs of the said Adam Sherrets including himself as one of the
 heirs (and in case of the death of any of the said heirs then in that case
 such portion shall be equally divided among their heirs), the sum of Fifteen
 Hundred Dollars in the following manner, viz: One year after the death of the
 said Adam Sherrets and his wife the said John Sherrets shall pay unto the said
 heirs as above stated, the sum of Three Hundred Dollars to be equally divided
 among said heirs, always retaining one portion for himself, and so on in yearly
 payments with interest after the first year until said Fifteen Hundred Dollars
 are fully paid in the above manner and in that case the property purchased
 of the said John Sherrets by the said Adam Sherrets shall as fully and as com-
 pletely revert to the said John Sherrets and to his heirs and be his and their
 property to all intents and purposes as if this article had never existed. -
 In testimony the said John Sherrets and Adam Sherrets have hereunto subscribed
 their names and affixed their seals the day and year first above written.

Signed and sealed in the presence of
 Adam Sherrets, Junior.

JOHN SHERRETS (Seal)

His

ADAM X SHERETS

Mark

Received for Record March 16, 1846

Recorded March 17th, A.D. 1846

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That we, the undersigned widow and heirs of the within maed Adam Sherrets, deceased, acknowledge the receipt of a new instrument, similar to the within Article of Agreement upon other real estate situated in Tuscarawas County, Ohio. In consideration of which we hereby release, discharge and forever quit-claim all right, title and interest in or to the within named premises, situate in the Counties of Carroll and.. Tuscarawas and State of Ohio

Witness o hands and seals May 17, 1858

Her
KATHERINE X SHERRETS (Seal)
Mark

JACOB SHERRETS (Seal)

DANIEL REDENOUR (Seal)

Her
MOLLIE X REDENOUR (Seal)
Mark

JACOB WIANT (Seal)

Her
CHRISTENE X WIANT (Seal)
Mark

GEORGE SHERRETS (Seal)

JOHN ANDREAS (Seal)

Her
SARAH X ANDREAS (Seal)
Mark

HENRY GUTTERIG (Seal)

HANNAH GUTTERIG (Seal)

REBECCA SHOUP (Seal)

DAVID SHOUP (Seal)

MARY THOMPSON (Seal)

JAMES THOMPSON (Seal)

DAVID SHANKS (Seal)

CATHERINE SHANKS (Seal)

Entered December 16, 1858

L. ULMAN, Recorder

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ELISABETH PEARCH (Seal)

JOHN SHERRETS (Seal)

CERTIFICATE TO COPY OF RECORD
THE STATE OF OHIO, CARROLL COUNTY

I, the undersigned, Recorder, within and for said county, do hereby certify that the foregoing is taken and copied from the records of said office, that it has been compared by me with the original record and that it is a true and correct copy thereof.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto subscribe my name officially, and affix the Seal of said Office at the Court House, in Carrollton, in said County, this 21st day of May, 1942.

(Signed) R. A. MAC DONALD,
Carroll County Recorder.

(SEAL)

Catherine Shanks. Fully covered elsewhere in these pages.

Adam Sherrets, Jr. Son Eli Sherrets (spelled surname Sherrette) was married to Phoebe Anna Winder on Mar. 13, 1871, and had children, Addie S., the wife of Geo. Clark, of North Lewisburg, Ohio; and Royal Winder, died Aug. 19, 1904; born Mar. 15, 1879. For full family record see Appendix.

Mary Ann, sister of Eli Sherrets, married Wm. Sparks on 6/7/1866.

Elizabeth (Eick) Sherrets had daughter by second marriage, Eliza D. Dilley, who was married to ---Herron and lived near Mineral City, Ohio. She is deceased. Eli Sherrett is buried in No. Lewisburg, Ohio

Mary Thompson. 1850 U.S.Census for Auburn Twp., Tuscarawas Co., shows husband, James Thompson, age 27; wife Mary 27; William age 4 and Catherine 2; In addition in the household were: Catherine Sherrotts age 62; Ann Sherrots, age 25 and Hannah Sherrotts, age 20. Other children: Peter and Charles A. wife with the Thompson family in Huron Co. in later years.

Hannah Gutterig. From 1860 U.S.Census, New Cumberland, Warren Twp., Tuscarawas Co. shows husband age 28; wife Hannah age 29; William A. 5; Catherine 4; and Christian age 2.

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From letter from Anna Andreas Wentink May 2, 1943:

"My father and grandfather used to tell me the Andreas family was "Pennsylvania German or Dutch", just as you said the Sherrett family was, but after considerable research and through the aid of Mr. William T. Stauffer, of Newport News, Va., I have been able to prove that our progenitor, Martin (1) Andreas came from Mulhausen, Alsace, and both he and his wife Elizabeth Vautrin were French Huguenots who first learned to speak German after their arrival in Pennsylvania. Their son Peter (2) married Thankful Washburn whose parents came from Bridgewater, Mass., and were, through the Richmonds, Rogers and Cookes, Mayflower Descendants.

This brought me to Peter (3) Andreas who came from Northampton Co., Pa., to Tuscarawas Co. by 1807 and married Nancy Ann Miller at New Philadelphia Sept. 28, 1811. He was half French and half English but had been reared among the Germans of Pennsylvania and was thought to be one himself by his later descendants.

Mr. Stauffer made a trip through NE Pennsylvania a number of years ago and found the Washburns speaking Penna.-Dutch and attending the Lutheran Church along with their German neighbors. The Vautrin name has gone thru numerous changes and has emerged as "Woodring" and is thought by many in the present generation to be of English origin.."

From letter from Mrs. Wentink dated Nov. 7, 1949:

"According to T. J. Baker, an old county recorder, William and Adam Sherrods came into what is now Carroll County as early as 1814 or 1815. He has always considered them to be brothers. William's descendants all seemed to spell their name Sherrod. On the early tax lists Adam and William were both listed as "Sherrods".

Adam's children seemed to use the Sherrets spelling altho George on an early deed signed Scherrets and one of the girls was called Sherritz. That's the only time I found the York County spelling. It was suggested to me that each family chose a different spelling because of the number of sons, twelve in all, who were growing up, in order to avoid confusion. I was told this was frequently done in the early times in Tuscarawas Co. Then too I found a deed in Tusc. Co. covering some transaction as later

recorded in Carroll. Adam deeded land to Samuel and Jacob Gurre and John and Mary Lace in Carroll, but they were called Samuel and Jacob Quire and John and Mary Lackey in Tuscarawas.

When a portion of Adam's old farm was deeded by his oldest son, John, to John's son, Adam II (when John evidently was selling off prior to moving West) mention was made of a 1/2 acre tract which had been set aside as a "place to bury the dead". I believe this was old Zion Cemetery where Adam Sr. lies. To reach it take Ohio Route 39 to Sherrods-ville, turn west onto Ohio Route 212 to the first road to the north or right. After traveling .7 mile (7/10) turn right and go up a rather steep hill. Stop when arriving at a level spot and on the left is a partially hidden cemetery. It's a fitting resting place for one of the first pioneers."

The U.S. Census of 1830 for Tuscarawas County shows as residents of Bucks Township in that year the following:

Jacob Wyant, Benjamin Helwig, Daniel Ridenour,
James Shanks, John Sherrod and John Shanks

These families became closely allied by marriage prior to this and in subsequent years. Jacob Wyant was the husband of Christene Sherrets; Benjamin Helwig was the brother-in-law of James Shanks thru marriage of his sister, Christena; Daniel Ridenour became the husband of Molly Sherrets sometime prior to 1850.; John Sherrod (Sherrets) was brother-in-law of Jacob Wyant; and John Shanks was a brother of James Shanks who came from Somerset Co., Pa.

The presence of two members of the Sherrets family, Christene Wyant and John Sherrets, in Bucks Township, which lies some 40 miles from the Adam Sherrets home in Carroll County, may explain the presence in Bucks in 1834 of Catherine Sherrets who became the wife in that year of David, eldest son of James Shanks.

Bucks Township lies in the extreme southwestern corner of Tuscarawas Co. adjacent to Coshocton Co. The nearest town is Bakersville, in the latter county. A short distance north in Bucks is the old Evans Creek Lutheran Church and burial place where repose many of the pioneers of the neighborhood.

Many members of the Mizer family live in and around Bakersville. One branch spell their name Myser, the change being made, we were told, because of the many families of the name and confusion of mail in the district.

Sherrods-ville, Ohio, lying in Carroll County some 20 miles east of New Philadelphia, was platted in 1882 by John and Allen Pearch. It was named for Charles Sherrod.

Leesville in Orange Twp. a few miles from Sherrods-ville, was platted on Aug. 1, 1812, by Thomas Price and Peter Saunders. It was the home of Charles Dunster, brother of Henry Dunster, of Richmond Twp. in Huron Co., Ohio. Charles Dunster was the maker of a remarkable astronomical clock constructed with his rude blacksmithing tools in the 1870's. After the death of its maker the clock descended to Henry Dunster, the brother, and later came into the hands of a grand-daughter who suffered it to become dismantled and lost.

In these notes we have used the spelling of the family name as SHERRETS as appears on Adam's gravestone in Zion Cemetery in Carroll County, near the town of Sherrods-ville Ohio.

Miscellaneous Notes on the Helwigs, Mizers, Mysers
and the Truckenmillers.

Catherine Shanks Myser and her brothers and sisters were grandchildren of Andrew and Catherine Truckenmiller Helwig. The name of Truckenmiller was also spelled Truck-Miller. However, a search of the Pennsylvania Census Record of 1790 does not disclose any family with name spelled in this wise. It does, however, list the following Truckenmillers:

Page 36	Charles	Hereford Twp., Berks Co.	9 in family
35	George	" " " "	4 " "
42	John	Rockland Twp. " "	8 " "

The fact that they were residents of Berks County would indicate that the Truckenmillers were neighbors of the Helwigs.

Records show that Andreas Helwig was in Berks County, Windsor Twp., from 1779 to 1795. (Tax records) No record in 1796 or thereafter.

Probably the first wife was Catherine Bader. This family lived in Maxatawny Township in Berks County where Adam Helwig, brother of Andreas, paid taxes during the years 1779-1782 while at the same time he was paying taxes in Longswamp Township from 1775 to 1798. George Bader is of record as paying taxes in Rockland Township from 1791 to 1795.

The Penna. Archives, 3rd Series, Vol. XVIII, in Berks Co. we find no Baders or Helwigs in 1767. In Maxatawny Township in this year we find Nicholas and Conrad Bader. This Conrad was the father of Catherine Bader Helwig; and while Catherine had brothers Nicholas and Conrad, they were both under age at the time of their father's death. Thus this Nicholas Bader must have been a brother.

In 1767 and 1768 in Longswamp Township we find Frederick Helwig.

In 1768 in the same township we find Nicholas Bader.

We find Frederick and Adam Helwig (single) paying taxes in 1752 in

Longswamp Township and in 1752 in Maxatawny Township Conrad Bader.

It would appear that Andreas (Andrew) Helwig moved north and west from Hamburg Township in Berks County, based on the foregoing data, for later we find that his oldest son George^{was} in Sunbury, the county seat of Northumberland County, where he owned property.

Further notes on the Truckenmillers.

From the Compendium of American Genealogy, Vol. VII, page 435, under the lineage of Charles Augustus Freeman, Jr., it is shown that his ancestor, Henry Miser (1768-1861) came from Northumberland Co., Pa., to Salem, Jefferson Co., Ohio, and that in 1794 he married Margaret Truckenmiller (1772-1850).

From the same volume, page 138, under the heading of Charles Ambrose Derr it is shown that his ancestor, Johannes (John) Derr (1786-1849), of Lehigh Co., Pa., married Nancy Truckenmiller (1797-1874).

Conclusions: As it is known that Catherine Truckenmiller was the wife of Andrew (Andreas) Helwig who came to Ohio about 1808 from (probably) Northumberland Co., Pa., and as the life span of at least Margaret Truckenmiller closely follows that of Catherine, who was born between 1760 and 1770, it is believed that they were sisters and natives of the same general locality as the Helwigs.

James Shanks, son of Thomas of York County, went into Bedford County and took out a land warrant for 400 acres of land in that part of the county that later became Somerset. The date of the warrant was May 12, 1794, and the land lies in the present Quemahoning Township in Somerset. In the U.S. Census of 1790 he is shown as the head of a family in Bedford County, with wife and two boys under the age of 16. Somerset County was separated from Bedford in 1795.

It is apparent that the marriage of James Shanks to Catherine Beam-must have taken place in York County prior to the removal of the family to Bedford. The following sketch of Christopher Beam, a pioneer of York County, is cited by Jennie Leonard Hutchinson from a Somerset County History on file in the Uniontown Free Public Library:

"Christopher Beam, a descendant of an English family, was born in York County, Penna. in 1761 and died in Somerset County in 1825. He was a farmer. His wife's maiden name was Elizabeth Crise. The children resulting from this marriage were: Jacob, Christopher, Abram, Crise, John, Hiram, Margaret (Millhouse), Elizabeth (Bates) and Lydia (Pinkerton).

Hiram Beam above mentioned as the son of Christopher, was born where he now resides, the place upon which his father settled in 1793, in 1810. A tanner by trade, he also engaged in agricultural pursuits. He has served one term as County Commissioner. His brother Abram who was born in this township in 1797 has also held the office of County Commissioner."

Comment by Mrs. Hutchinson:

"Your Catherine Beam was likely the grand-daughter of the pioneer, Christopher Beam."

From the Penna. Archives we learn that Jacob Beam took out a land warrant for 400 acres in Bedford County on Apr. 7, 1794, and from the same source the following military service:

Penna. Archives, 6th Series. Vol. V, page 110:

"A return of the Co. of officers in the 3rd Battalion of Bedford County Militia.

1st Co. Capt. Abner Nafe
 Lt. Geo. Barone
 Ensign, Jacob Beam

Bedford County, State of Pennsylvania, Feb. 20, 1793.

(Signed) BENJ. BURD, Lt. Bedford County."

While there is no documentary evidence to support it, it is our belief that Jacob Beam, son of the pioneer Christopher Beam, was the father of Catherine Beam who became the wife of James Shanks.

BRIEF GENEALOGY OF THE TANNER FAMILY

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WILLIAM TANNER, born about 1660, emigrated to Rhode Island from the west of England. He was first heard of in the colonial records in 1682, in the Fones Record, (Vol. 1, page 70) as a witness to a deed of Francis Houlding, of Warwick:

"I, Francis Houlding, doe consent to ye deed of sale
and forever quitte claime, etc. Witness my hand and seal
ye 12th day of May, 1682."

WILLIAM TANNER

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The next mention of William Tanner is on the tax roll of the town of Rochester (Kingstown) under Governor Andrus for the year 1687 where he is taxed for 1 pole, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. In 1693 William Tanner bought a tract of land of 100 acres, more or less, of Henry Hall, of Westerly, weaver, the deed bearing date of July 4, 1693. On this tract of land is an inclosed burial place containing the graves of two or three generations of the Tanner family.

The first wife of William Tanner was a daughter of Henry Tibbitts, of Newport, R. I. His second wife was Mary Babcock and the third, Elizabeth Cottrill. Following is a list of the children of William Tanner, of South Kingstown, R. I.:

1. William, settled in South Kingstown, R. I.
2. Benjamin, settled in West Greenwich, R. I.
3. John, settled in Richmond, R. I.
4. Avis, married Thos. Barber, 1723.
5. Mary, married Lawrence Willett, of North Kingstown, R. I.
6. Francis, born July 3, 1708. Settled in Hopkinton where he bought 1200 acres of land. Descendants are found in Rhode Island, New York and farther west.
7. Nathan, born 1709. Settled in Hopkinton, R. I.
8. Anna, born 1712.
9. Rebecca, born 1714; married Benjamin Brand, of Westerly, R. I.
10. Elizabeth, born 1717; married Benjamin Burdick.
11. Abigail, born 1719.

Of the above named children, the first was the child of the first wife; the next four, children of the second wife; the remainder, children of the third wife, Elizabeth Cottrill.

In the above list No. 6, Francis, was the ancestor of Benjamin Bentley Tanner, of Huron County, Ohio, who married Lucy Kendall. The line continues as follows:

FRANCIS TANNER, born July 3, 1708, in South Kingstown, R. I. Married Feb. 26, 1728, Mary Tosh, of Newport, R. I., who died Nov. 10, 1745. Second wife was Elizabeth Sheldon, daughter of Isaac Sheldon, of South Kingstown. She was born Nov. 8, 1713. Francis died Jan. 3, 1777, in Hopkinton. His son

ISAAC TANNER was born Sept. 9, 1736 in South Kingstown, R. I. He married, 1st, Dec. 8, 1759, Lydia Sherman; second, Apr. 28, 1765, Hannah Röss; third, Aug. 16, 1770, Mary Bentley. Isaac died at Tanner Hill, Schuyler, Herkimer County, N. Y., Sept. 10, 1822. His son

NATHAN TANNER, born Oct. 13, 1784, in South Kingstown, R. I., married 1806 Huldah Dawley who was born 1782. Nathan died Oct. 5, 1851, at Tanner Hill, Schuyler, N. Y. She died 1873. Nathan was a farmer. His son

BENJAMIN BENTLEY TANNER, was born Sept. 1, 1814, in Schuyler, N. Y. He married Oct. 10, 1837, Lucy Kendall, who was born in Corinth, Saratoga Co., N. Y., on Aug. 26, 1817. Benjamin died Feb. 1, 1892, and his wife on Nov. 3, 1904, both in Huron County, Ohio. They are buried in the Centerton churchyard in Norwich Township. In 1840 Benjamin and Lucy emigrated to Ohio by ox team, settling in the wilds of the Connecticut Western Reserve or "Firelands", near the town of Centerville (Centerton) in Huron County. In a short autobiography written shortly before her death Lucy Kendall Tanner said: "I have known what it is to endure privations and hardships of life in a wilderness. I have lived to see fertile fields and stately mansions where then it was a dense forest."

Benjamin and Lucy Tanner were parents of the following children:

Nathan, who lived in Alma, Nebr.

Sarah Jane (Mrs. James Shanks) who was born in Herkimer Co., N. Y., Apr. 16, 1840, and died in Huron Co., Feb. 8, 1908.

Marietta (Mrs. Alec Harley) of Deadwood, S. D. Fletcher, of Saratoga, Ind.

C. Edmund, of Huron County; lived on the old home farm.

Della (Mrs. Henry Beelman), of Chicago Junction, (later Willard), Ohio

Adelia (Mrs. James Harley), lived in Nebraska.

Tanner descendants live in Northern Ohio, Indiana and the middle West.

Lucy Kendall Tanner had a sister Laura who was married to Moses Kelly; their home was in Huron County. Another sister was married to a Dr. Rockwell, of New Hartford, N. Y. There was a brother, Ira Kendall. Lucy Kendall in early life in New York was a school teacher. Benjamin B. Tanner was a farmer and dairyman.

A branch of the Tanner family lived in and around Attica, Ohio. They are descendants of John, brother of Francis Tanner, the progenitor of the Huron County branch; among them are: Isaac Tanner, who had sons Eugene B. and Augustus, both of whom lived and died in Attica.

Much of the foregoing data was taken from the book "Genealogy of William Tanner, of South Kingstown, R. I." published in 1905 (a later edition in 1910) by Rev. George C. Tanner, of Faribault, Minn. Rev. Tanner died in the home of his son, Samuel S. Tanner, in Minneapolis, Minn., on Feb. 13, 1923.

GENEALOGY OF THE ELI SHERRETT FAMILY

Adam Sherrett Jr., father of Eli, was born Oct. 18, 1817; was married to Elizabeth Eick on Apr. 19, 1838. Died Mar. 17, 1851 and is buried in Stone Creek, Ohio, cemetery.

Elizabeth (Eick) Sherrett was born Apr. 5, 1818 and died in 1892. After the death of her first husband, she was married to --- Dilley by whom she had daughter Eliza who was married to Thomas Herron, of Mineral City, Ohio. Eliza Dilley Herron died in 1936.

Eli Sherrett was born in Orange Township, Carroll County, Ohio, on Sept. 19, 1844. He was married to Anna Winder, of North Lewisburg, Ohio, on Mar. 13, 1871. He died Apr. 20, 1917 and is buried at North Lewisburg. His family:

1. Birdie Blanche, born July 27, 1872; died July 6, 1880.
2. Addie May, born Dec. 1, 1874. Was married to George Clark on Dec. 29, 1897. He died in 1939. There are daughters:
 1. Marjorie Clark Coder, born Apr. 29, 1899; died July 22, 1932.
 2. Lois Ann Clark Edwards, born May 22, 1901. Lives in Akron, Ohio.
 3. Jeanne Elizabeth Clark Homsher, born Mar. 16, 1918. Lives in Marysville, Ohio.
3. Royal Winder, born Mar. 15, 1879; died Aug. 19, 1904.
4. Bertha Elizabeth, born Dec. 10, 1881; died Sept. 10, 1901.

Adam Sherrett was a farmer. Eli spent his early years on his father's farm and attended district school. He joined the Union army at the age of 17 and fought through the Civil War, afterwards attended a School of Dentistry at Carrollton, Ohio. After his marriage in 1871 he went to Iowa and later came to Richwood, Ohio. After a few years he removed to North Lewisburg, Ohio, where he made his permanent residence and practiced dentistry until his death in 1917.

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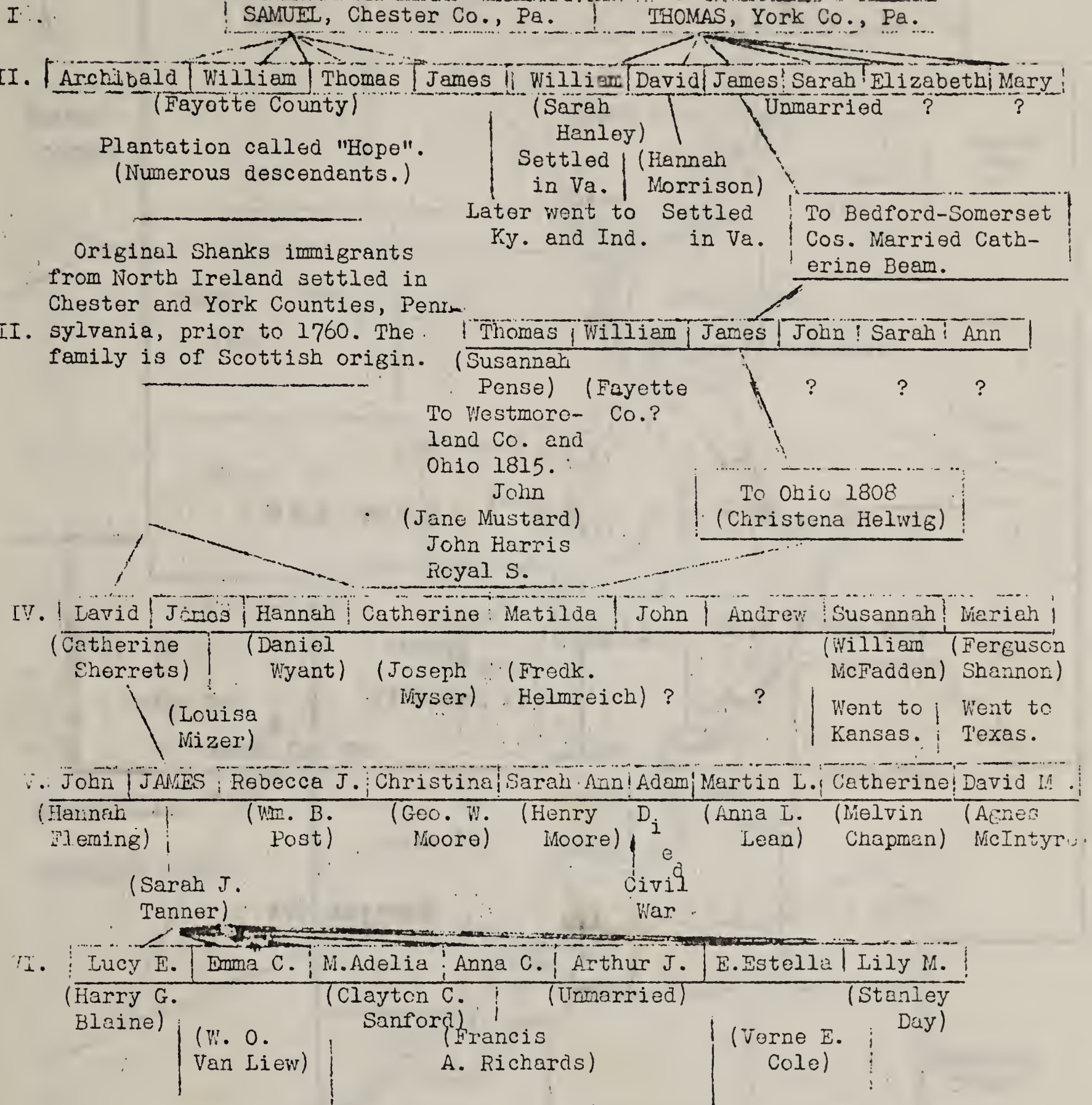
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Scotch and Irish Progenitors of the Shanks Family

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The Shanks name is not to be confused with that of Shank which is a separate family of Germanic origin, coming to America from Switzerland and Alsace-Lorraine. Since their emigration from Northern Ireland about the middle of the 18th century the name of Shanks has always been spelled with the final "s".

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